

Appointment

From: Bowman, Liz [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]
Sent: 2/6/2018 8:46:14 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: CBN Studio, 1919 M St NW, WDC
Start: 2/7/2018 6:45:00 PM
End: 2/7/2018 7:15:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)

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Sent: 2/1/2018 6:18:56 PM
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Subject: Accepted: Pre-Brief: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: Administrator's Office

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Sent: 1/17/2018 10:36:35 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
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Location: Administrator's Office

Start: 1/31/2018 3:30:00 PM
End: 1/31/2018 4:00:00 PM

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Sent: 9/18/2017 3:54:27 PM
To: Reaves, Doretta [Reaves.Doretta@epa.gov]
Subject: Declined: Faith-Based Meeting with National Religious Partnership for the Environment
Location: WJC North 1433
Start: 9/14/2017 7:00:00 PM
End: 9/14/2017 8:00:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)

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Sent: 9/14/2017 12:09:41 PM
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Recurrence: (none)

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From: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/26/2018 4:37:18 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Canceled: HOLD: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
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Sent: 3/12/2018 9:46:50 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Call re CS Monitor Breakfast
Location: Linda to call Liz
Start: 3/14/2018 2:00:00 PM
End: 3/14/2018 2:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Dear Ms. Bowman,

I had the pleasure of speaking with Administrator Pruitt at the recent Gridiron Dinner. (I'm a member of the club, and performed in the show.) I mentioned to him that I am the new host of the Monitor Breakfasts, and that we would love to have him as our guest. He told me to contact you about setting that up.

Our goal in hosting newsmaker breakfasts is to provide a forum for civilized, in-depth discussion between top officials and journalists. We strive for an exploration of ideas without the "gotcha" aspects of a press conference or brief cable TV hits.

Recent guests include House Ways & Means Chairman Kevin Brady and White House Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Short. The C-SPAN video of our breakfast with Mr. Short can be found at: <http://cs.pn/2xVPYs0>.

The format of our gatherings is simple. After I offer a brief introduction of the speaker and spell out ground rules, we ask our guest to make 5-6 minutes of opening remarks and then we go to questions for the balance of the hour. I **call on reporters by name and affiliation, so Mr. Pruitt will know who is questioning him.**

A Monitor-hosted breakfast with reporters would be a highly efficient use of the Administrator's time. Our on-the-record meetings at the dignified and secure St. Regis Hotel last precisely one hour. In addition to major print outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Washington Post, the group also includes on-line news organizations such as Politico, Newsmax, Daily Caller, and Real Clear Politics, and correspondents from NPR, TV networks, and the wires.

If the guest is willing, we invite C-SPAN cameras to cover our gatherings, expanding their potential reach.

We are eager to work with you to find a morning when a Monitor Breakfast would fit into Mr. Pruitt's schedule.

Please feel free to call me if you'd like to discuss our invitation.

Best wishes,

Linda Feldmann

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/27/2017 12:56:59 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: For your review

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy (mobile)

From: Brennan, Thomas
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: For your review

Hi Nancy,

Here is what we discussed yesterday at OPA staff meeting.

Tom

ADVOCACY

Faith leaders pray for Pruitt to prevent warming

Niina Heikkinen, E&E News reporter

Published: Wednesday, October 25, 2017



A dozen Protestant, evangelical, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders, donning white medical face masks, knelt in prayer before U.S. EPA yesterday afternoon to call for action on climate change.

"Many people in the environmental movement don't realize that the sleeping giant of climate change is religion, because religion sees this as the No. 1 moral challenge that society faces," said Frederick Krueger, executive coordinator for the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care.

Earlier that day, the interfaith group had met with the agency's Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education to emphasize how environmental issues are important to Americans from a broad spectrum of religious backgrounds. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was not in attendance.

"Administrator Pruitt needs to hear from a broader array of religious voices, and I have seen the stories of who he is meeting with, the evangelicals, and he needs to meet with evangelicals who believe in climate science," said the Rev. Richard Cizik, an evangelical pastor with Interfaith Power and Light.

He noted that Pruitt, a Southern Baptist, has reportedly met with right-wing religious leaders who openly question mainstream climate science. But those views aren't representative of many evangelicals around the country, who together make up roughly a third of the U.S. population.

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"Frankly, most evangelicals have come to believe from the most recent [National Association of Evangelicals] statement that climate change is real and that we are causing it," Cizik said.

Pruitt, who identified himself as a "Christ Follower" on his Oklahoma attorney general Twitter bio, has long made his faith an important part of his life. Since moving to D.C., his schedule shows he has attended a number of Cabinet-member Bible studies with Ralph Drollinger, who taught that God intended for the rest of creation to serve man (*Climatewire*, July 14).

Members of the group raised a number of issues yesterday with EPA, from the severity of recent hurricanes in the Eastern U.S. and wildfires in California, to the impact of melting Antarctic ice sheets on global sea-level rise. They all brought the perspective of their own religious tradition to the meeting, but they shared a common message.

"We all focused in on one thing: We've all got to be invoking the original purpose of the EPA, which is to make our nation clean and healthy through regulation and not by dispensing with regulation," Krueger said.

Recent political appointee Stephen Gordon, deputy director for public engagement, led the meeting with the group. Gordon joined the agency in September after working as a manager of corporate relations at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, according to his LinkedIn page. Krueger said Gordon's inexperience with environmental issues was evident in the meeting.

"He was trying, but he was new. He didn't know any issues. You wonder why someone gets put in that kind of position representing the interface with the public on behalf of the EPA," said Krueger.

It's not new for religious leaders to talk about climate change. Some faiths, like Roman Catholicism, have been discussing the issue since the early 1970s. Now as the Trump administration rolls back regulations, some religious leaders felt it was important to speak out.

The Rev. Owen Owens, an ordained Methodist Baptist minister, said the group's interfaith environmental advocacy began decades earlier when it fought to save redwood trees. That focus eventually turned to wilderness protection and then, as the scientific evidence became clearer, to climate change.

"Everything came together around this because it is decisive, and it's also irreversible, and we're here now," Owens said. "Most of us are not very political, but we do feel we have to speak out for the Earth and for the people, now and into the future. If we don't do that, who is going to do that?"

Message

From: Dourson, Michael (doursoml) [doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu]
Sent: 9/21/2017 5:26:51 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]
CC: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Sampson, Alison (sampsoam) [sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu]; Maier, Michael (maierma) [maierma@ucmail.uc.edu]; Ho, Shuk-mei (hosm) [hosm@ucmail.uc.edu]; Pat McGinnis [mcginnis@tera.org]; Patterson, Jacqueline (patteji) [PATTEJI@ucmail.uc.edu]
Subject: Re: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg; image003.jpg

Liz and Troy

The TERA staff is quite surprised over the extreme misrepresentation of TERA's record. At least two of them already wrote letters to Senator Barrasso supporting my nomination. I do not think that the senior folks here would hesitate to pen an op-ed piece, but I feel the need to leave it to you to work with them independently of me. Then again, if you both think that I should also participate, I am willing to do so.

Jacqueline, Pat and Andy are the current leaders. They are all copied on this note back to you, have seen several of the various stories, and know of TERA's stellar work. Please feel free to contact them directly.

Whatever you all decide is fine by me.

Cheers!

Michael

-- Risk Science Center (formerly TERA Center)

Integrating assessments for both human and environmental health. See <http://www.tera.org/EcoTERA/index.html>



From: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 12:22 PM
To: Michael Dourson <doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu>, "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Cc: "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Sampson, Alison (sampsoam)" <sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu>, Andy Maier <maierma@ucmail.uc.edu>, "Ho, Shuk-mei (hosm)" <hosm@ucmail.uc.edu>, Pat McGinnis <mcginnis@tera.org>, Jacqueline Patterson <PATTEJI@ucmail.uc.edu>
Subject: RE: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?

Thank you, Michael. Do you think that TERA folks would be willing to pen an op-ed on this issue? I think it would be important to have their opinion and voice out there.

From: Dourson, Michael (doursoml) [mailto:doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Sampson, Alison (sampsoam) <sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu>; Maier, Michael (maierma) <maierma@ucmail.uc.edu>; Ho, Shuk-mei (hosm) <hosm@ucmail.uc.edu>; Pat McGinnis <mcginnis@tera.org>;

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Subject: FW: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?

Troy

Two senior staff offered me some suggestions on my responses below. I show them here for completeness of thought in a strike and replace mode using blue text for the suggestions. I can work this into a clean version, if needed by you and your colleagues. The bottom line is that TERA was designed to be, and still is, a place where integrity is honored and the science is always approached in a neutral, sponsor-independent manner. TERA has not done anything wrong, dishonest or illegal. Our core values and operating conduct are opening stated. Our peer reviews receive high marks, even from EPA's IG. All of TERA's staff are proud of, and stand behind, our collective achievements.

Cheers!

Michael

— Risk Science Center (formerly TERA Center) sponsors the International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER) database of risk assessment values on Toxnet: <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>



From: Dourson, Michael (doursoml) [<mailto:doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:48 PM

To: Ayers, Valerie (ayersvj); UC Bernard Gadagbui; UC Jacqueline Patterson; UC John Reichard; UC Lynne Haber; UC Andy Maier; UC Mike Dourson; Nance, Patricia (nancepm); UC Ann Parker; Pat McGinnis; Vincent, Melissa (vincenmj); Pecquet, Alison (pecqueam); UC Reena Sandhu; Ovesen, Jerald (oversejl); Allen, Casey (allen2cy); Frank, Evan (franken)

Subject: FW: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?

Dear Colleagues

The first of two emails. This is the first time I was asked to provide a response. EPA folks are now arguing whether or not to send it. One side says it just feeds the the other side; others are arguing that some kind of response is needed because otherwise silence appears to confirm the stories. Please maintain a radio silence, however. If we get to speak, I will ask for your help.

Cheers!

Michael

—The right to search for the truth implies also a duty; one must not conceal any part of what one has recognized to be true. Albert Einstein.



From: Michael Dourson <doursoml@ucmail.uc.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:14 PM
To: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Sampson, Alison (sampsoam)" <sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu>, Andy Maier <maierma@ucmail.uc.edu>, "Ho, Shuk-mei (hosm)" <hosm@ucmail.uc.edu>
Subject: Re: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?

Liz

Gladly. See my responses below in red text. Thanks for the opportunity to help!

Michael...

...L. Dourson, Ph.D., DABT, FATS, FSRA

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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Subject: Response to: EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS?

Hi Dr. Dourson – Please let me know if you have specific responses/push backs to this article. And please especially note any falsehoods or inaccuracies. Thank you – Liz

EPA NOMINEE ONCE HELPED CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LOBBYISTS

By:

WASHINGTON -- President Donald Trump's nominee to oversee chemical safety at the Environmental Protection Agency has for years accepted payments for criticizing studies that raised concerns about the safety of his clients' products, according to a review of financial records and his published work by The Associated Press. TERA has spent 1/3 of its time working with industry sponsors and 2/3 of its time working with government sponsors. Often TERA develops collaborations with multiple sponsors to resolve difficult risk positions. TERA SCIENTISTS HAVE ALWAYS INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED THE SCIENCE REGARDLESS OF WHO SPONSORS THE WORK AND HAVE ~~has on numerous occasions developed risk positions~~ ~~SOMETIMES REACHED CONCLUSIONS that THE SPONSORS DID NOT LIKE WERE NOT IN BEST INTERESTS OF THE~~ ~~did not favor a particular sponsor.~~

Michael L. Dourson's nomination as head of EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention was to be considered by a Senate committee Wednesday, but was postponed when the Senate adjourned early for the week. If confirmed, ethics experts said, Dourson's past writings and the money paid to him and a nonprofit he founded could represent potential conflicts of interest.

Past corporate clients of Dourson and of a research group he ran include Dow Chemical Co., Koch Industries Inc. and Chevron Corp. His research has also been underwritten by industry trade and lobbying groups representing the makers of plastics, pesticides, processed foods and cigarettes. TERA was founded on the belief principle that an independent non-profit organization can provide a unique function to protect human health by conducting scientific research and methodology development on risk issues in a transparent and collaborative fashion, involving top notch scientists from

many disciplines in business, non-profit and government sectors. One-third of TERA effort has been for industries; 2/3 has been for government groups. The TERA's five websites include numerous projects and information that demonstrate this transparent and/or collaborative work. These projects and information are given away freely to the public as part of TERA's 501c3 commitment.

A toxicologist, Dourson worked at the EPA for more than a decade, leaving in 1994 as the manager at a lab that assessed the health risks of exposure to chemicals. The following year, he founded Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment, a private toxicity evaluation nonprofit organization that tests chemicals and produces reports on which chemicals are hazardous in what quantities. TERA was founded as a nonprofit Ohio corporation 1995 and later applied for and received a 501 c3 status from the IRS. Its mission was to support the protection of public health by developing, reviewing and communicating risk assessment values and analyses; improving risk methods through research; and, educating risk assessors, managers, and the public on risk assessment issues. TERA does not conduct toxicology tests on chemicals.

Dourson's views toward industry are consistent with others Trump has selected as top federal regulators. Among them is EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who in March overruled the findings of his agency's own scientists to reverse an effort to ban chlorpyrifos, one of the nation's most widely used pesticides. TERA's view is to analyze data and apply the best science to questions of human health risk. It is not political in any way. In fact, TERA'S FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON RISK ASSESSMENT SCIENCE AND NOT POLICY. WE FOCUS ON THE SCIENCE TO PROVIDE OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE HEALTH RISK AND A CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAINTIES. THIS INFORMATION CAN THEN BE USED BY THOSE MAKING RISK-BASED DECISIONS.

Dourson and his organization previously worked under contract for Dow AgroSciences, the Dow subsidiary that makes chlorpyrifos. In three papers, Dourson and his colleagues pointed to what they said were flaws in peer-reviewed studies that linked delays in fetal development with even low levels of exposure to the pesticide, commonly sprayed on citrus fruits and apples. TERA was funded by Dow Agro Sciences to review the scientific studies that were used to derive the toxicity value (Reference Dose (RfD)) developed by the EPA and other health organizations. Results of the TERA review of the studies were published in the scientific literature in 2005 and 2006. The science for chlorpyrifos has progressed since the time of these publications and several new epidemiologic studies have been published THAT RAISE NEW QUESTIONS.. ~~{One series of epidemiology studies shows an association of neurological effects at exposures lower than the current RfD; other epidemiology studies do not show this association. Based on how chlorpyrifos is known to cause toxicity this association is not expected. Moreover, this ASSOCIATION RUNS COUNTER TO OTHER SCIENTIFIC DATA AND EXAMINATION OF THE RAW EPIDEMIOLOGY DATA WILL HELP EVALUATE THESE CONFLICTING RESULTS. Furthermore, the raw data from this one epidemiology series are not available for review.~~

In a 2005 paper on the topic, Dourson and his co-authors passed along thanks to Dow for its support over a number of years to study chlorpyrifos' toxicology and assess its risk and said that money in no way influenced their findings favoring the company's position. Acknowledging sponsorship is now a routine statement in scientific publication AND REQUIRED BY JOURNALS..

Dourson did not immediately respond Tuesday to emails or phone messages seeking comment.

Sheldon Krinsky, a Tufts University professor who studies ethics in science and medicine, said appointing Dourson to oversee EPA's chemical safety programs is part of a broader effort to undermine federal regulations protecting public health.

"It is not even subtle," said Krinsky, who reviewed Dourson's recent published work. "He has chosen to be the voice of the chemical industry. His role as a scientist is simply the role of an industry-hired lawyer - only to give the best case for their client." 33% of Dourson's papers published while at TERA were sponsored by industry; 67% were sponsored by government or self sponsored. Of Dourson's top ten MOST-cited papers, 7 WERE NOT INDUSTRY FUNDED. 3 were industry funded. Furthermore, TERA has spent 1/3 of its time working with industry sponsors and 2/3 of its time working with government sponsors. This is because TERA BELIEVES BETTER RESULTS ARE ACHIEVED FROM BRINGING THE RANGE OF SCIENTIFIC VIEWS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES IN AN OPEN FORUM, (Often TERA AND SO SEEKS TO develop collaborations with multiple sponsors GROUPS to resolve difficult risk positions. TERA has on numerous occasions developed risk positions that did not favor a particular sponsor and strived to present the science objectively regardless of impact of the risk value.

In addition to its corporate clients, Dourson's organization gets money from the U.S. and Canadian governments. In some instances, companies pay the group to evaluate a chemical and it organizes a scientific panel to validate the findings. SEE NOTE *** BELOW The scientific panel reviews the evaluation, offering their expert opinion. ~~The panel's role is not to validate but to provide scientific comment on the evaluation based on their scientific experience and expertise, which strives to balance any biases, scientific discipline and affiliation. TERA has had more than 70 face-to-face meetings on chemical risk assessments or risk methods for a variety of sponsors. Over 50% of these meetings were for government sponsors. Many have been meeting open to the public. TERA has also conducted numerous less intense letter review for a variety of sponsors. Over 99% of these reviews were done for government sponsors.~~

ONE OF TERA'S MAJOR PROGRAMS IS TO PROVIDE SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW BY FORMING PANELS OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS TO REVIEW THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR RISK EVALUATIONS. THE PROCESS IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AS WELL AS EPA AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO EVALUATE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. TERA HAS PROVIDED THIS IMPORTANT PEER REVIEW OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT GROUPS THAT DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN PEER REVIEW PROCESS BY STRIVING TO FORM PANELS THAT BALANCE EXPERTISE, AFFILIATIONS, AND BIASES. ~~The scientific panel reviews the evaluation, offering their expert opinion. The panel's role is not to validate, but to provide scientific comment on the evaluation based on their scientific experience and expertise, which strives to balance any biases, scientific discipline and affiliation. TERA has CONVENED more than 70 PEER REVIEW meetings on chemical risk assessments or risk methods, WITH Over 50% of these meetings were for government sponsors AGENCIES. MOST Many have been meetings HAVE BEEN open to the public. TERA has also conducted numerous less intense review for a variety of sponsors. Not sure what the previous sentence means Over 99% of these reviews were done for government sponsors.~~

According to the nonprofit's most recent publicly available IRS filing, Dourson was paid \$131,000 for his work there in 2015. He separately earns \$103,000 a year from the University of Cincinnati, where he holds a research position. Dourson earned \$131,000 from TERA for part of 2015 prior to leaving on July 31, 2015. The balance of 2015

was paid for by the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine. Dourson currently earns \$167,000 per year at this University as a Professor of Environmental Health.

Dourson's pro-industry leanings were also evident in a now defunct website called "Kids + Chemical Safety," which his group ran. The site, which described itself as a source of information about the safe use of chemicals around children, mirrored talking points by chemical companies and trade groups that financed Dourson's work. This website is not defunct. TERA CREATED THE WEBSITE USING INITIAL GRANT FUNDING FROM ACC AND SUPPORT FROM the Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA), the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the US Federal Government, and the public. Stories on this kids website are written by identified experts from the Cincinnati Children's Drug & Poison Information Center, Harvard Superfund Research Program, NSF International, and Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA), for parents in an easy- to-understand for the non-scientist way. Other websites attempting to convey information about potential toxic chemicals to children, such as related government websites tend to be are either data-dense or not user friendly; activists websites appear to be more designed to support fundraising. TERA received the following support for this website:

~~Cash gifts from the Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA), American Chemistry Council (ACC), Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the US Federal Government and the public.~~

~~In kind support from Cincinnati Children's Drug & Poison Information Center, Harvard Superfund Research Program, NSF International, and Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA).~~

This website is under consideration for adoption by another group.

One 2016 article defended glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's RoundUp weedkiller, saying it was too early to start pointing fingers. One post assured parents that exposure to fire retardant chemicals in children's pajamas was too low to be a health risk. Dourson was paid \$10,000 by the North American Flame Retardant Alliance, according to a financial disclosure form he filed with the Office of Government Ethics. That group is a subsidiary of the American Chemistry Council, an industry trade group that has paid Dourson to conduct scientific reviews.

Dourson's willingness to align his scientific opinions with those of his corporate patrons has earned him support from influential industry groups now supporting his nomination.

TERA believes that independence from all parties and groups is essential in order for our science and results to be seen as credible by all parties. TERA has instituted policies and procedures, and maintains a corporate environment that ensures that all of our work efforts are conducted in a manner that maintains our independence. We conduct all our work in a scientifically objective fashion with our results reflecting our best critical analysis and objective evaluation of the scientific information. We are continuously vigilant to make sure that we remain open to new ideas, but we are not swayed or influenced by our funding sponsors, or any other party, in reaching our conclusions or communicating our results.

TERA Core Principles and Values

- **Honesty and Integrity** - we operate at the highest level of ethical and scientific standards, fully communicating issues and uncertainties
- **Independence** - we approach our work with an open mind and objectivity, without regard to sponsor or stakeholder interests
- **Transparency** - we share our work broadly to maximize benefit to public health
- **Collaboration** - we use collaboration as a fundamental and preferred approach to technical problem resolution

These core principles guide day-to-day TERA operations - from our consideration of new projects and sponsors, to our scientific evaluations and communication of results. A number of measures insure our work is based upon our principles. For example:

- All of our scientific staff recognize the importance of independence and scientific objectivity and continually monitor their projects and personal work efforts to insure we maintain our high ethical and scientific standards. These standards are clearly communicated to all staff as part of both formal and informal training.
- We are transparent about how we do our work and the methods and approaches we use, so that others can evaluate and judge the strength and scientific validity of our conclusions.
- We strive to fully characterize and communicate scientific uncertainties and limitations in our work.
- We are transparent about who our funders are and what role they had, if any, in commenting on the TERA scientific opinions or results. We make it clear to all funders and sponsors of our work that TERA is an independent scientific organization and as such we will provide them our independent scientific evaluation and conclusions. We discuss (prior to starting work) the level and types of involvement of the sponsors and other outside parties.
- We offer our independent scientific services to a broad range of sponsors, including government agencies, industry, non-governmental organizations, and consultants. By collaborating with many types of organizations, TERA gains an appreciation and understanding of the scientific perspectives of these various parties. We utilize this understanding and the resulting relationships to identify and encourage collaboration among a range of parties to improve risk assessment and protection of public health.
- We seek to have a balance of work among public and private sector. In recent years about 2/3 of our work has been for government agencies and the other 1/3 for industry and others.
(see <http://www.tera.org/about/FundingSources.html> for a breakdown by year).
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- We strive to publish our work in the peer-reviewed literature or on our website to make the work available to a broad audience.

* In addition to our paid work, TERA provides significant *pro bono* support to local and state governments, NGOs and occasionally directly to the members of the public to help them address important human health and risk issues.

The American Chemistry Council said he would make an excellent addition at EPA.

"His knowledge, experience and leadership will strengthen EPA's processes for evaluating and incorporating high quality science into regulatory decision making," said Jon Corley, the group's spokesman.

Dourson has also served without pay for two groups, the Toxicology Forum and the Toxicology Education Foundation, whose primary funders include the American Chemistry Council, oil companies and the makers of food additives. He has resigned or promised to resign from these posts if confirmed for the EPA job.

DOURSON HAS A LONG DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING WITH BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS, AS WELL AS OTHER HIGHLY RESPECTED SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.

On the side, Dourson has also written three books seeking to reconcile his work as a scientist and a devoted Christian. His "Evidence of Faith" series seeks to align scientific knowledge with biblical accounts, such as how the Big Bang Theory could mesh with the Book of Genesis, whether the Shroud of Turin is real and whether evidence of the Nativity story can be found in the stars. The purpose of those books is to examine if a historical biblical account could have a scientific basis (astronomy, biology) that could support or refute the account.

Court records show Dourson and his work have often been called on when his corporate clients are seeking to fend off lawsuits. SUPPORT FOR Legal testimony CASES HAS BEEN is a very small part of the overall TERA effort, and only performed when a larger public health concern is under review AND TERA THOUGHT ITS INVOLVEMENT COULD HELP CLARIFY THE SCIENCE AND RISK QUESTIONS.

DuPont was accused of polluting a West Virginia town with Perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, a chemical that the company's internal tests had long ago concluded were toxic. Corporate officials discussed hiring Dourson as part of a strategy to defend themselves. Dourson has not testified on behalf of DuPont in this capacity BUT WAS CALLED BY THE COURT TO SERVE AS AN UNPAID FACT WITNESS IN ONE TRIAL TO EXPLAIN THE WORK TERA DID FOR THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA IN 2002. FOR THIS WORK WEST VIRGINIA ASKED TERA TO CONVENE A PANEL OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE SCIENTIFIC DATA AND DEVELOP A RISK VALUE FOR PFOA UNDER A CONSENT DECREE BETWEEN DUPONT AND THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

One DuPont executive praised Dourson's "ability to assemble a 'package' and then sell this to the EPA, or whomever we desired," according to an email cited in a 2013 legal claim by people who blamed exposure to the chemical for cancer, birth defects and other health problems. Unbeknownst to TERA, in 2002, 4 governments agencies? and one industry recommended TERA as the independent and neutral party to assist in a PFOA evaluation. A West Virginia judge agreed. TERA was hired by the State of West Virginia. Dr. Deanne Statts of West Virginia DEP chaired a 10-member scientific panel, 5 of whom were government employees (3 were from EPA). The panel made a unanimous determination of a safe water level of 150 ppb. All of this information has been publicly available. The science of PFOA has progressed since 2002.

Dourson led a team that found in 2002 that PFOA levels up to 150 parts per billion were safe, a level higher than was found in testing of 188 private wells and springs. This is not correct. See the response above.

That was also well above the 1 part per billion Dupont's own scientists had concluded could be considered safe years before. The EPA now says that only 70 parts per trillion of PFOA are acceptable - or only 0.05 percent of what Dourson's team said was safe. I believe that the Dupont level was a place holder until the West Virginia panel developed its recommendation.

DuPont and a former subsidiary, Chemours Co., later paid \$761 million to settle 3,550 lawsuits stemming from its use of the chemical.

Message

From: Feldmann, Linda [feldmannl@csps.com]
Sent: 3/14/2018 9:05:07 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: invitation to Monitor Breakfast for Scott Pruitt

hi Liz,

Thank you for talking this morning about a possible Monitor breakfast with Administrator Pruitt. Here's what I can offer: As the moderator, I can guarantee that no reporter will dominate the session or be allowed to be abusive. I would limit each reporter to one question, and help escort Administrator Pruitt from the room as soon as the breakfast ends. But I can't control which reporter an outlet like the AP would choose to send. Let me also add that we hold to the policy of not picking or excluding attendees when Democrats hold the White House and have issues with certain reporters.

I know this may well be a deal-breaker, and if so, I'm sorry about that. But please consider this note an open invitation for Administrator Pruitt to be a guest at our breakfast, and do let me know if you want to proceed. I know that a breakfast with Administrator Pruitt would be well attended, and I would work hard to make it a productive event for all concerned.

Best wishes,
Linda

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 5:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

How about 10 a.m.? Can you please call my desk line at Personal Phone / Ex. 6

From: Feldmann, Linda [mailto:feldmannl@csps.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 5:40 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: invitation to Monitor Breakfast for Scott Pruitt

Sure! What time works for you?

Linda

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 5:36 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Linda- I am interested in this; can we talk on Wednesday?

On Mar 12, 2018, at 5:33 PM, Feldmann, Linda <feldmannl@csps.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Bowman,

I had the pleasure of speaking with Administrator Pruitt at the recent Gridiron Dinner. (I'm a member of the club, and performed in the show.) I mentioned to him that I am the new host of the Monitor Breakfasts, and that we would love to have him as our guest. He told me to contact you about setting that up.

Our goal in hosting newsmaker breakfasts is to provide a forum for civilized, in-depth discussion between top officials and journalists. We strive for an exploration of ideas without the "gotcha" aspects of a press conference or brief cable TV hits.

Recent guests include House Ways & Means Chairman Kevin Brady and White House Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Short. The C-SPAN video of our breakfast with Mr. Short can be found at: <http://cs.pn/2xVPYs0>.

The format of our gatherings is simple. After I offer a brief introduction of the speaker and spell out ground rules, we ask our guest to make 5-6 minutes of opening remarks and then we go to questions for the balance of the hour. I call on reporters by name and affiliation, so Mr. Pruitt will know who is questioning him.

A Monitor-hosted breakfast with reporters would be a highly efficient use of the Administrator's time. Our on-the-record meetings at the dignified and secure St. Regis Hotel last precisely one hour. In addition to major print outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Washington Post, the group also includes on-line news organizations such as Politico, Newsmax, Daily Caller, and Real Clear Politics, and correspondents from NPR, TV networks, and the wires.

If the guest is willing, we invite C-SPAN cameras to cover our gatherings, expanding their potential reach.

We are eager to work with you to find a morning when a Monitor Breakfast would fit into Mr. Pruitt's schedule.

Please feel free to call me if you'd like to discuss our invitation.

Best wishes,

Linda Feldmann

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Sent: 3/14/2018 7:19:34 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: fact check on meeting with Franciscan Action Network

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: fact check on meeting with Franciscan Action Network

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

On Mar 14, 2018, at 3:02 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

I would say:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: fact check on meeting with Franciscan Action Network

What was this meeting?

From: Niina Heikkinen [<mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: fact check on meeting with Franciscan Action Network

Hello Liz, I hope you are well.

I'm looking to confirm a few things from a meeting the administrator had a couple of months ago with the head of the Franciscan Action Network.

Patrick Coralan said he met with Pruitt for nearly an hour and a half, along with Tate Bennett and Pruitt's executive secretary Hailey a couple months ago. If you could tell me her last name that would be helpful.

He said in addition to talking about how faith influenced their work, they discussed eliminating lead in drinking water and overflowing septic systems in Alabama. I'd also like to follow up and see if EPA's regional office has taken any further action on addressing the septic systems beyond speaking with the FAN representatives. Does this seem like an accurate description of what happened?

Also, I hear the administrator is out of town tomorrow, can you tell me where he is going?

Best,
Niina

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Message

From: Michael Dourson [dourson@tera.org]
Sent: 2/27/2018 7:47:29 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Sampson, Alison (sampsoam) [sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu]
Subject: Fwd: On the Radio with World Lutheran News Digest

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From: "Allen, Christopher (Kip)" <kip.allen@kfuo.org>
Subject: RE: Interview schedule
Date: February 19, 2018 at 2:36:33 PM EST
To: Michael Dourson

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Yours in Christ,

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Sent: 3/15/2018 9:48:19 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

This is awesome – nice work ladies!!

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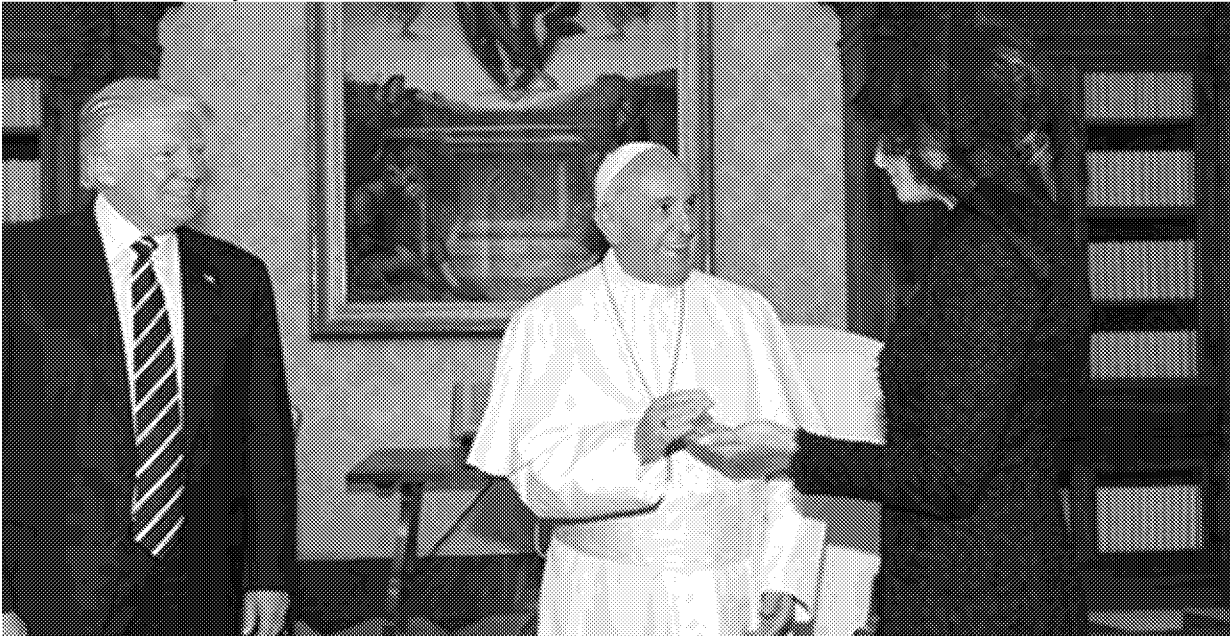
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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject:

A liberal met with Pruitt about God. Here's what they said

Niina Heikkinen, E&E News reporter

Published: Thursday, March 15, 2018



The leader of a Catholic advocacy group gave U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt a copy of Pope Francis' encyclical calling for climate action. Pictured: Francis meeting with President Trump last year. White House/Wikipedia

A Catholic environmentalist recently met with U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt — and they talked about God and oil.

The head of the Franciscan Action Network, Patrick Carolan, sat down with Pruitt a couple of months ago at the agency to talk about protecting God's creation. It turned into a nearly 90-minute discussion. Also in attendance were Tate Bennett, the head of EPA's Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education, and Pruitt's personal aide, Hayley Ford.

"I strongly believe he is a man of faith," Carolan told E&E News.

While the two men disagree on interpretations of faith, Carolan said he respected Pruitt for "operating out of that space of faith."

"I don't believe we should be using fossil fuels, he thinks God put fossil fuels there for our use, but we have to be judicious in how we use them, so we sort of found some common ground around that," Carolan said.

Pruitt also suggested having a symposium on what it means to be a person of faith and an environmentalist, according to Carolan.

The Franciscan Action Network is going ahead with the proposal, which it had been considering before the EPA meeting. It will hold an event featuring representatives from Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu faiths this spring. EPA officials have been invited to attend, but it's unclear if Pruitt will go.

Carolan gave Pruitt a copy of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, "Laudato Si'," which urges greater action on climate change. The document has raised the profile of addressing rising CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere within the Catholic Church.

"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change," the encyclical reads.

EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman confirmed Pruitt had an introductory meeting with Carolan and that they discussed "working together on tackling environmental issues important to the American people, in particular lead."

"The administrator and his staff have enjoyed a productive working relationship with FAN since their initial meeting and hope to continue to work on shared environmental priorities," she wrote in an emailed statement.

The administrator's religious background has come under scrutiny as he periodically makes biblical references in speeches and has talked about his focus on environmental stewardship. Pruitt, who is a Southern Baptist, is a former deacon and Sunday school teacher at his church in Broken Arrow, Okla. (*Climatewire*, July 14, 2017).

Pruitt has recently offered a window into how faith influences his work. Last month, he talked about Christian teachings on the environment with the Christian Broadcasting Network.

"The biblical worldview with respect to these issues is that we have a responsibility to manage and cultivate, harvest the natural resources that we've been blessed with to truly bless our fellow mankind," he told CBN.

In addition to talking about eliminating lead in drinking water, Carolan also talked to the administrator about rural communities in Alabama whose aging septic systems are overflowing but the residents were unable to afford the \$15,000 to replace them.

"Within a couple of days, he had the regional administrator for the area be in touch with our people down in Alabama to talk about this. Again, I would disagree with him on a lot of stuff, but I also want to give him credit for when he's doing stuff," Carolan said.

The Franciscan Action Network focuses on public policy that promotes peace, protects the environment, and addresses poverty and human rights. Part of being a Franciscan is to seek connections with people.

"He was very pleasant, he was very nice, he didn't have horns, he didn't have a tail, and I didn't either. I'm very leftist and very progressive, so it was kind of an interesting connection and discussion," Carolan said.

Carolan will be heading back to EPA today, this time with the Cardinal John Ribat of Papua New Guinea to discuss the perils of climate change and deep sea mining to island nations in the Pacific Ocean (*Climatewire*, March 14). Pruitt will not be in attendance.

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Sent: 2/27/2018 9:03:57 PM
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CC: Sampson, Alison (sampsoam) [sampsoam@ucmail.uc.edu]
Subject: Re: On the Radio with World Lutheran News Digest

Liz

I am doing fine. The restart of TERA is a little slow, but this should pick up dramatically at the annual Society of Toxicology later this month. We are going to emphasize peer review and public outreach. I am not sure how successful we will be with the later (see mdourson on twitter for some tweets), but we are really good with the former. Based on my nomination process, it is abundantly clear that independent and scientifically credible voices are needed.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Cheers!

Michael



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---Credible independent peer review see: <http://tera.org/Peer/CurrentMeetings.html>

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Thank you, Michael. We hope you are doing well.

From: Michael Dourson [<mailto:dourson@tera.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:47 PM
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Sent: 2/27/2018 7:59:20 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Got it, thanks.

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From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Subject: RE: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Hi Emily – I think Jahan is responding; thanks.

From: Emily Holden [mailto:eholden@politico.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Hi Liz—do you think you might want to respond? Making sure you saw.

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From: Emily Holden
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Hi—We have reviewed some radio shows that Administrator Pruitt participated in while he was a state senator. They are a six-part series on American government and appeared on Tulsa-based KFAQ and later were posted on his 2010 campaign website. Can you verify that they are legitimate?

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070126055028/http://www.1170kfaq.com:80/qu.html>

In the discussions he:

-Argues evolution is an unproven theory

- Says "the most grievous threat that we have today is this imperialistic judiciary, this judicial monarchy that has it wrong on what the First Amendment's about and has an objective to create religious sterility in the public square, which is wholly inconsistent with the Founding Fathers' view."
- Suggests calling a Constitutional Convention to consider amendments to allow more religious expression in government, define marriage as between a man and a woman, prohibit abortion and remove restrictions on gun access, which he calls a God-given right
- Says that without a change, anarchy and rebellion could come within the next few decades
- Says minority religions are being encouraged while Christianity is discouraged
- Does not disagree with the host that Islam ""is not so much a religion as it is a terrorist organization, in many instances."

Have any of his views on these topics changed? Would you like to provide comment about how? In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

We would need any comment by around 4 or 5 p.m. Please let me know if you're working on sending something over. I know this is a lot of info, so please feel free to call if I can elaborate on any points.

Thank you,
Emily

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Sent: 8/4/2017 8:48:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FYI ...

This is so much work, thank you for doing all this.

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Subject: FYI ...

I am sending this background brief to reporters in Iowa and North Dakota so they are prepared for their interview with Pruitt on Tuesday and Wednesday. Obviously I will flip out the Iowa stuff for North Dakota stuff.

BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." ([Tulsa World](#), 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration. "Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump's inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." ([The Washington Post](#), 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 02/17/17)

WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. “Five of Iowa’s six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s WOTUS rule “an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture,” the five Republicans said it “threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans.” Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. “The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA’s power-grabbing mentality to come to an end,” they added.” ([The Cedar Rapids Gazette](#), 11/22/16)

Cattlemen’s group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. “The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part.” ([Iowa AgriBusiness](#), 08/03/17)

Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. ([Iowa Corn Growers](#), 08/19/15)

WOTUS ...

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." “The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining “waters of the United States” or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of “waters of the United States.” The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. ‘We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation’s farmers and businesses,’ said Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine ‘waters of the U.S.’ and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.’ This proposed rule follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on “Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the ‘Waters of the United States’ Rule.” The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation’s navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country.” ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): “Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa’s farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them.” ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA): “I am pleased that the Trump administration is taking another important step toward eliminating this burdensome WOTUS rule. In Iowa, 97 percent of the land is subject to extensive overregulation by the EPA and unnecessarily hamstrings our farmers, businesses and manufacturers. All across

Iowa, folks are calling for this rule to be scrapped, which is why I have led efforts in the Senate to do just that. This is good news for Iowa and rural communities across the country as we move closer to finally eliminating this overreaching rule.” (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): “This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation’s waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers.” (Press Release, 06/27/17)

RFS ...

EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation’s fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard “reflects demand for 2018.” It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation’s fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. ‘Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.’ The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress.” (The Des Moines Register, 07/05/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA ...

Press Release

April 20, 2017

<https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda>

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his “Back to Basics Agenda” on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president’s recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE CHANGE ...

REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings...

PRUITT: That’s not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do

we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

PARIS ACCORD ...

REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

CLIMATE DENIER ...

“Pruitt bristled at the phrase "climate denier," a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet. 'What does it even mean? That's what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That's crazy, in my view,' he said. Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but "the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that's very challenging to do.” ([Politico](#), 07/12/17)

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) ...

“The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city's residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. 'The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is 'do no harm,'” said Barrasso. “This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan's water crisis.’ There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution.” ([The Washington Post](#), 01/18/17)

Pruitt's EPA awarded \$100 million to upgrade drinking water in Flint, Michigan. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today awarded a \$100 million grant to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to fund drinking water infrastructure upgrades in Flint, Mich.” ([Press Release](#), 03/17/17)

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WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS ...

In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors. “In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states.” ([Press Release](#), 02/26/17)

EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. “U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration.” ([Press Release](#), 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. “The days of coercive federalism are over,” the letter reads. “Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.” ([Press Release](#), 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA’S AGENDA ...

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. “President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States.’” ([Press Release](#), 02/28/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan. “Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS ...

EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. “‘These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.’” ([Press Release](#), 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. “Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA’s Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017.” ([Press Release](#), 03/31/17)

EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses \$171 million annually. “The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to \$171 million a year.” ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT ...

The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. “[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site.” ([Press Release](#), 03/18/17)

The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated \$16 million -- in addition to the \$26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree.” ([Press Release](#), 03/20/17)

EPA set to oversee second phase of \$43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake. “The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS ...

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EPA awards \$380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona. ([Press Release](#), 02/28/17)

EPA Awards \$1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. ... The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

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Subject: Re: Proactive scheduling- faith based groups

Yay

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2017, at 7:17 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 6:55 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Let's discuss this next week. Thanks!! Hopefully we can all have a good weekend and get to relax ☺ I think we are headed to the VA state fair...

From: Bennett, Tate
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Subject: Re: Proactive scheduling- faith based groups

Industry might be a tough one but we could definitely broaden!

On Sep 29, 2017, at 5:05 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

Proactive scheduling makes me excited. This is great, Tate.

I think we should be inviting more groups/people to EPA so I would suggest we bring them here but maybe just for one portion of the symposium.

Is there a way we can engage private sector on this? Maybe even engage some bigger faith based folks. A couple ideas come to mind for me on this one.

He loves to teach and he wants to serve so I think he will appreciate the faith teaching but I also think he will want these folks to come to the table with ways in which he can help/serve them.

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Hey guys! Here is an event I have been working on with some of the more moderate faith-based groups for us to do that is about 40 minutes from D.C.

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Do you all mind adding this to the scheduling meeting list? We could also invite them to meet with Pruitt on our home turf here at EPA... Thoughts?

Faith-Based Coordination and Collaboration with Key Stakeholders to Address the Environmental and Public Health Concerns of Overburdened Communities – Symposium

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Background**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->In Laudato Si, Pope Francis states how he “would like to enter into a dialogue with people about our common home,” which has led to more engagement of faith-based communities in addressing environmental and public health of underserved and overburdened communities
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Who and What**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Franciscan Friars Conventual and Franciscan Action Network propose to host a symposium on faith-based and federal and state coordination and collaboration on environmental justice
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Where**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->At Carrollton Hall in Ellicott City, Maryland: Built by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, is now owned by the Franciscans and located 40 minutes from Washington D.C.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Inspiration**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Saint Francis of Assisi helped inspire Laudato Si and this event is inspired by Saint Pope John Paul II’s Spirit of Assisi interfaith dialogues
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Why**

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Identify and promote collaboration and enhanced understanding among faith communities, federal and state agencies, and others of good will to improve environment and public health of overburdened communities on areas of mutual interest during this time of tension
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**How**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Bring people together for panel discussions after day of presentations and reflection
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Topics**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Could include faith teaching and environment; protecting air, water, and land; infrastructure development; engagement with indigenous people; federal and state programs; faith and federal collaboration on concerns
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Next Steps**
 - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Interfaith prayer and follow-up to symposium to move forward with coordinating on areas of mutual interest

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I will come down.

From: Dravis, Samantha
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Subject: FW: Administrator Pruitt

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I will explain.

From: Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
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To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Pruitt

Hi Ms. Dravis,

I am working on an article about Administrator Pruitt's religious faith and I'm looking for some anecdotes from people who work closely with him about how much he expresses his religious faith in his day to day work, or whether that is something he tends to keep more private. I wouldn't be using your name at all and would not let anyone know we had talked, even within the newsroom.

Thanks very much for your help,

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Fact-checking and requests for comment.pdf

I read through these and they are all personal questions or questions specific to his Oklahoma AG days...Lincoln, let me know if you want to discuss.

From: Tom Dreisbach [mailto:TDreisbach@npr.org]
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Subject: Fact-checking and requests for comment from NPR's Embedded

Dear Liz and Jahan,

As I've written before, NPR's 'Embedded' is currently working on a profile of Administrator Pruitt, with a particular focus on his early career in Oklahoma and his work on environmental cases as Oklahoma Attorney General. This is my 6th email regarding this project. I also left a voicemail with the main EPA press phone yesterday.

Our episode is slated to come out next Thursday, April 26, with both radio and digital elements to follow.

Attached, please find our questions for fact-checking, along with requests for comment regarding several statements made by our interviewees.

The questions are extensive, and I want to make sure you have time to respond. I also want to reiterate our interest in an interview with Administrator Pruitt. Our deadline for including a response is the end of the day on Tuesday, April 24.

You can reach me at Personal Phone / Ex. 6 or by email.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Tom Dreisbach

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Questions and Fact-Checking

*One aspect of Administrator Pruitt's life that we're reporting on is his involvement with First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, where he is a Deacon and has been involved in Sunday schools, mission trips, and other activities since the early 1990s. We've also spent extensive time speaking with Pastor Nick Garland, reading his blog, and listening to his sermons.

- Pastor Garland has frequently given sermons on political topics, like abortion rights, transgender rights, and same-sex marriage. Does Administrator Pruitt agree with any of the following statements from Pastor Garland's sermons?

- On the Supreme Court's ruling on same-sex marriage:

"Satanic influence has been readily adapted by our nation to the extent that marriage is compromised. Consider all of the open assaults on marriage in recent years. We have witnessed the promotion of adultery, fornication, lust, pornography, embraced divorce, unwed pregnancies, abortion, spousal and child abuse, prostitution of family members for drugs, trafficking of children and women, adult predators found in schools/churches/coaches of children's sports teams, internet's allure to draw teens into sexual or kidnapping encounters, chat rooms, kiddie porn, delinquent parents, gay marriage, and on and on."

"So what's about to happen -- and I'm not even a get today into polygamy and polyamory and people wanting to marry their 10-year-old sweetheart and they're a grown man; I'm not going to get into that -- but I do want to talk to you about some real practical things aside from that they're about to hit you as people in our society and our community that I'm not sure you realize is greater than we've ever known -- greater sin than we've ever known. And we didn't do anything to get it them be citizens the United States Supreme Court said, 'today marriage has changed in the law of the land.'"

- On the Obama Administration's guidance to the Education Department on transgender students and bathroom access:

"Christianity lived properly has always been in the crosshairs of a godless culture to be eradicated. And so it's not new. We're back to the first century. Our government doesn't just dislike us, they hold us in disdain. The latest edict from our King Barack has stated that even schools are gonna be a social experiment by having gender-neutral restrooms. God help teachers."

"In this generation, where people are trying to decide what they believe about sex, it's because we've forgotten the one who made them male and female. In a generation, where we're not sure if god created, because we've propagandized evolution, we've forgotten that in the beginning, god."

- On abortion (where Pastor Garland compares the reaction to the school shooting in Newtown to the reaction to abortion):

"We've seen our president [President Obama] heartbroken over children being shot - and that's awful - but legislate money to go to Planned Parenthood to dismember the baby and sell the parts. I think somehow we've missed something."

*Another aspect of Administrator Pruitt's life that we're reporting on is his first run for the Oklahoma State Senate in 1998.

- This run took place shortly after Administrator Pruitt's visit to Romania in 1997, which he has spoken of many times. Pastor Garland says that experience in Romania may have served as a motivation for Administrator Pruitt. Is that accurate?
- Former Senator Ged Wright, a conservative Republican who held that State Senate seat at the time, says that Administrator Pruitt broke the rules during the Rooster Days parade in 1998, and entered multiple vehicles into the parade, when the campaigns had agreed to only enter one. Is that true?
- Former Senator Wright says that the Pruitt Campaign had a phone banking and voter registration operation that was working out of First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow. Is that true?
- Former Senator Wright says that Administrator Pruitt at the time "pushed the envelope," when it came to ethical issues, and that "his ego is probably a little bit too large." What is Administrator Pruitt's response to that claim?

*We are also reporting on Administrator Pruitt's early State Senate career, when much of his focus was on issues like restricting abortion, providing funding for faith-based initiatives, and a law that would provide legal immunity to teachers (that law would have provided protection for teachers who use corporal punishment, and included provisions on changing textbooks to include a disclaimer on evolution.)

- According to campaign finance disclosures, Administrator Pruitt received a \$150 donation from the Enron Corp Political Action Committee in 2001. Does he recall the circumstances of that donation? (Later that same year, press reports detailed the Enron scandal and the SEC began investigating.)
- According to a filing with Oklahoma's Ethics Commission, Administrator Pruitt served on the board of the Mend Pregnancy Resource Center, a crisis pregnancy center. What was his role in that center and how long did he serve there?
- In 2003, Administrator Pruitt has said of abortion (while advocating for an "informed consent" law in Oklahoma), "they [women in Oklahoma] need to know there's a link with breast cancer, they need to know that there's a risk with infertility, they need to know that there are emotional risks attendant with abortion procedures." Leading medical researchers and physicians groups have disputed all of those claims. Does Administrator Pruitt stand by that statement?

- While in the State Senate, Administrator Pruitt said that he believes, “an unborn child from the moment of conception should be considered a legal person under the 14th Amendment.” Does he still believe that? And does he support the full criminalization of abortion?
- In 2005, while speaking to radio station KFAQ, Administrator Pruitt said, “there aren’t sufficient scientific facts to establish the theory of evolution. And it deals with the origins of man, which is more from a philosophical standpoint than a scientific standpoint.” Does he still believe that?

*Finally, we are also examining the State Of Oklahoma v. Tyson Foods, et al case that was filed in 2005 and taken to trial in 2009-2010, and finally taken over by Attorney General Pruitt.

- After the 2010 election, David Page, an attorney that worked on the case for the state, says he spoke with Administrator Pruitt outside the Dilly Deli in Tulsa. He says he asked Administrator Pruitt about the poultry case and Administrator Pruitt told him, “I don't believe in using lawsuits to change public policy.” Page took this as a signal that Administrator Pruitt was not interested in pursuing the case. Is that accurate?
- Critics also say that it is hypocritical for Administrator Pruitt to say, “Regulation through litigation is wrong,” when he pursued many cases against the federal government to change public policy. What is his reaction to that criticism?
- Outside legal experts and multiple attorneys who worked on behalf of Oklahoma in the Tyson case say Administrator Pruitt did not push for a decision in the long-pending case, and did not use available legal tools and common courtroom strategies to draw attention to the unusually long-running case and urge the judge to make a final ruling. What is his reaction to this?
- Critics say Administrator Pruitt’s acceptance of more than \$40,000 in campaign contributions from the poultry industry in 2010 presented a conflict of interest, and may have played a role in his decision to not vigorously pursue Oklahoma’s case against Tyson and other poultry producers. What is his reaction to that criticism?
- Kelly Hunter-Foster, the former head of the Environmental Protection Unit (sometimes called the Environmental Crimes Task Force) at the Oklahoma Attorney General’s office, says Administrator Pruitt’s disbanding of the unit left the state vulnerable to environmental crimes. Why did Administrator Pruitt disband the unit? And what is his response to that criticism?
- Mark Derichsweiler, a former official in the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, says his office could not find a contact at the Attorney General’s office for environmental issues for nearly 6 months in 2011. What is Administrator Pruitt’s response to that claim?
- Environmentalists and critics in Oklahoma say Administrator Pruitt improperly re-negotiated a “Statement Of Understanding” with Arkansas over water quality in the Illinois River Watershed in 2013. Under the second statement, Oklahoma and Arkansas committed to a three-year study period.

Environmentalists say that allowed Arkansas to continue to pollute the Illinois River despite Oklahoma having the ability to enforce its environmental standards through the first Statement Of Understanding and Supreme Court Precedent under Arkansas v. Oklahoma. Could you respond to that claim?

Message

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Subject: FW: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

FYI, as you may get questions on this

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Lincoln Ferguson
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
Personal Phone / Ex. 6

> On Feb 27, 2018, at 2:21 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:
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> The only part i'd consider responding to is this:
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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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> Lincoln Ferguson
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>> On Feb 27, 2018, at 1:54 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

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CC: Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Robert - -- Below, please find some information on Administrator Pruitt's accomplishments. Hopefully this will inform the show. Look forward to talking Monday morning – Liz

- **EPA Accomplishments in 2017 Under Scott Pruitt: Administrator Pruitt led EPA by his three core principles: rule of law, process and cooperative federalism.**
 - **Action:** EPA proposed repeal of Waters of U.S. Rule, where the Obama Administration was regulating ditches and puddles in farmer's back yards.
 - **Action:** EPA is repealing the Clean Power Plan, the previous administration's symbol of Obama's "War on Coal" that threatened 400,000 U.S. jobs
 - **Action:** Administrator Pruitt ended 'Sue and Settle' at EPA – or 'regulation through litigation' where activist groups pushed their agendas through backroom deals with the Agency
- **Regulatory Reform and Economic Growth: Tax Reform and Regulatory Relief are partners in the economic boom we are now seeing: EPA is – undoubtedly – the most action-oriented agency in regard to providing regulatory relief to American businesses.**
 - The U.S. lost roughly 286,000 manufacturing jobs over eight years under Obama. From December 2016 to December 2017, manufacturing jobs grew by about 196,000.
 - **Jay Timmons, CEO of National Association of Manufacturers:** Manufacturing is at an all-time high, adding \$2.5 Trillion to U.S. economy, because "We have a White House and a Congress who have freed manufacturers from some of the most overreaching and onerous regulations, allowing us to grow, invest and create jobs. And the best news is that many regulatory reforms and the Trump tax cuts are just taking effect, so we look forward to even stronger numbers moving forward. In fact, in our latest Manufacturers' Outlook Survey, 63 percent said business tax reform would encourage their companies to spend more on their facilities and equipment, and 58 percent said they would expand their businesses. In addition, 54 percent said they would hire more workers, and almost half planned to increase wages and benefits."
- **Cleaning Up Toxic Land Sites, via Superfund:** EPA is addressing the nation's most toxic lands to ensure they get cleaned up. These "superfund sites" are being addressed now with action and results:
 - Under the Obama administration, the number of the worst contaminated sites in Superfund increased by 82.
 - By the end of this year, EPA will be on track to clean up, in whole or part, 27 Superfund sites this year.

- **Meetings with Industry/Travel:** In one year, Administrator Pruitt visited nearly 30 states and met with 35 governors. He met with many other stakeholders who were largely ignored by the previous administration.
- **Addressing Conflicts in EPA's Science Boards:** EPA has increased the representation of EPA's science boards to include more geographic diversity, increasing past representation from 32 states to over 40. Administrator Pruitt issued a directive to ensure that those who serve on these boards are not also getting grant money from EPA.

EPA Look Ahead to 2018

- **True Environmentalism is Stewardship, not Prohibition:** Administrator Pruitt will draw attention to "True Environmentalism," where we harness our natural resources for good — a dramatic change from the overregulation and "do not touch" approach of the previous administration.
- **Administrator Pruitt will declare a "War on Lead":** He will spearhead an ambitious, multi-faceted approach to eradicate lead exposure and advance the goal of clean and safe drinking water in every community in America.
- **Polling tells us that while environmental protection is in the top ten of Americans' policy priorities, climate change ranks in about 18th (only more important than dealing with global trade) from 2010-2018.**
 - This means that Americans care about tangible environmental results, like the things Administrator Pruitt is focusing on: clean air, land, water and punishing bad actors.
 - http://www.people-press.org/2018/01/25/economic-issues-decline-among-publics-policy-priorities/012518_10/

SUPERFUNDS & WEST LAKE SUPERFUND ...

At Superfund sites, Scott Pruitt could flip his industry-friendly script. "In pressing for aggressive, accelerated cleanups, he is butting heads with companies while siding at times with local environmental groups. His supporters, and Pruitt himself, say it is evidence he is reinvigorating a core function of the agency. His critics see it as a political move, an effort to protect himself against charges that he constantly favors corporate interests. Yet Pruitt's attention is shifting the conversation in some beleaguered communities. Residents say they don't care what his motivations are — if those bring the results they've long sought. 'Scott Pruitt is probably the most important person right now in the lives of the people in this community,' said Dawn Chapman, who lives with her husband and three children near a controversial site northwest of St. Louis. The landfill there, known as West Lake, contains thousands of tons of radioactive waste from the World War II-era Manhattan Project. Chapman and other activists are pushing for significant excavation. Pruitt has promised them he will issue a decision within days. There are signs he might seek more extensive — and expensive — removal than EPA staff have recommended in the past. As is the case in Texas, the companies on the hook for the cleanup contend that years of scientific evidence show capping the waste in place would be safer, cheaper and completed sooner. 'Depending on the decision [Pruitt] makes,' Chapman said, 'he will probably forever remain the hero or the villain in the eyes of this community.'" ([The Washington Post](#), 01/23/18)

Scott Pruitt vows to speed the nation's Superfund cleanups. Communities wonder how. "Dawn Chapman had listened with surprise and skepticism as the new head of the Environmental Protection Agency vowed to clean up West Lake, the nuclear waste dump that has filled her days and nights with worry. 'The past administration honestly just didn't pay attention to [it],' Scott Pruitt stressed on a local radio show in April. 'We're going to get things done at West Lake. The days of talking are over.' The next month, Pruitt took to television to say a plan for the site was coming 'very soon' as part of his push to prioritize Superfund cleanups across the country. 'It's not a matter of money,' he said. 'It's a matter of leadership and attitude and

management.’ On a blue-sky afternoon, Chapman sat in her small home in this leafy St. Louis suburb and mulled the latest set of promises from Washington — this time from a man known more for suing the EPA and rolling back environmental regulations than for cracking down on pollution. ‘Why our site? Why now? Can he keep those promises?’ the mother of three wondered. Her family lives only a couple of miles from West Lake, a contaminated landfill that contains thousands of tons of waste from the World War II-era Manhattan Project. ‘My biggest fear is he’s just going to put a Band-Aid on it.’” ([The Washington Post](#), 06/18/17)

West Lake has been on EPA’s Superfund list for 28 years, yet no decision has been made about how to clean up this toxic land site, which will change next week. “The West Lake Landfill Superfund Site is located in Bridgeton, Mo. The site consists of several inactive landfills, including the West Lake Landfill and the Bridgeton Landfill. Originally used for agriculture, the land became a limestone quarrying and crushing operation in 1939. Beginning in the early 1950s, portions of the quarried areas and adjacent areas were used to dispose of municipal refuse, industrial solid wastes, and construction/demolition debris. In 1973, around 8,700 tons of leached barium sulfate from the Manhattan Project, a World War II nuclear bomb development program, was mixed with approximately 38,000 tons of soil and used to cover trash being dumped during daily operations. In 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency listed the site on the National Priorities List under the Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund law). The Agency listed the entire 200-acre facility and has since designated multiple Operable Units at the site to manage various areas and environmental media. Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) contains radiologically-impacted material (RIM). Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) does not contain radiological material. Operable Unit 3 (OU-3) will address site-wide groundwater. The adjacent Bridgeton Landfill, which is a part of OU-2, is part of the Superfund Site, but remains under the regulatory authority and oversight of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. ([EPA](#), Accessed 01/24/18)

West Lake on EPA list of Superfund sites targeted for 'immediate' action. “The West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, which contains nuclear waste from the World War II effort to build the atomic bomb, is one of 21 toxic-waste sites President Donald Trump’s administration has now targeted for ‘immediate, intense action.’ The Environmental Protection Agency released the list late Friday, a day after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told a House of Representatives subcommittee that he would announce a recommendation on a cleanup plan at West Lake sometime in January. It’s part of what Pruitt described as an effort to spur action on “Superfund” toxic waste sites that have languished on the list for many years. West Lake has been on the list since 1990. ‘In developing this initial list, EPA considered sites that can benefit from Administrator Pruitt’s direct engagement and have identifiable actions to protect human health and the environment,’ the EPA said in announcing the new list. ‘These are sites requiring timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The list is designed to spur action at sites where opportunities exist to act quickly and comprehensively. The administrator will receive regular updates on each of these sites.’ Neighbors have long complained that the site is causing health problems in people who live nearby.” ([The St. Louis Post Dispatch](#), 12/08/17)

Pruitt set to make decision in the coming days regarding the West Lake Superfund Site. “In pressing for aggressive, accelerated cleanups, he is butting heads with companies while siding at times with local environmental groups. His supporters, and Pruitt himself, say it is evidence he is reinvigorating a core function of the agency. His critics see it as a political move, an effort to protect himself against charges that he constantly favors corporate interests. Yet Pruitt’s attention is shifting the conversation in some beleaguered communities. Residents say they don’t care what his motivations are — if those bring the results they’ve long sought. ‘Scott Pruitt is probably the most important person right now in the lives of the people in this community,’ said Dawn Chapman, who lives with her husband and three children near a controversial site northwest of St. Louis. The landfill there, known as West Lake, contains thousands of tons of radioactive waste from the World War II-era Manhattan Project. Chapman and other activists are pushing for significant excavation. Pruitt has promised them he will issue a decision within days. There are signs he might seek more extensive — and expensive — removal than EPA staff have recommended in the past. As is the case in Texas, the companies on the hook for the cleanup contend that years of scientific evidence show capping the waste in place would be safer, cheaper and completed sooner. ‘Depending on the decision [Pruitt] makes,’ Chapman said, ‘he will probably forever

remain the hero or the villain in the eyes of this community.” ([The Washington Post](#), 01/23/18)

Due to West Lake, parents drive their children as far away as possible from the community so their children can play. “‘Actions speak louder than words,’ said BrieAnn McCormick, whose neighborhood is closest to West Lake. Families here have long lived with the reality of the site, which got its Superfund designation in 1990. The 200 acres include not just the radioactive waste that was illegally dumped in 1973, but also an adjacent landfill where decomposing trash as deep as 150 feet is smoldering in what scientists call a “subsurface burning event.” The fire is now about 600 feet from that other waste. West Lake has made Bridgeton the kind of place where some parents drive their children to playgrounds far from the landfill. Where some people keep homemade kits in their cars — face masks for days the stench hits, eyedrops for irritation, Tylenol for headaches. Where others trade stories of cancers, autoimmune diseases and miscarriages they’re scared could be related to the Superfund site, although air, water and soil tests from the EPA and other government agencies have shown no link.” ([The Washington Post](#), 06/18/17)

The previous administration moved at glacial pace to address West Lake. “Activists fault the EPA for moving at a glacial pace. They accuse Republic Services, which took ownership of the landfill in 2008, of trying to avoid full-fledged cleanup. Similar dynamics are playing out at many Superfund sites, where abandoned mines, contaminated rivers and manufacturing plants have left behind a daunting trail of lead, arsenic, mercury and other harmful substances. Some “mega sites” involve tracing hundreds of chemicals and scores of polluters.” ([The Washington Post](#), 06/18/17)

Pruitt is working on the redevelopment of Superfund sites in East Chicago, an area of land near the Seattle Seahawks and other places across the country. “Thirty-one of the country’s most contaminated sites are likely to be available for building new housing, business or other development soon after they are cleaned up, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said today, a step that’s part of Administrator Scott Pruitt’s push to accelerate the cleanup and make the land available for community use... Another example on the list is a Superfund site on the coast of Lake Washington and close to the practice facility for the Seattle Seahawks. It was contaminated by coal tar and creosote from manufacturing until 1969 and a cleanup plan is expected to be finalized in 2019. The owner of the land wants to redevelop it for 10 buildings with retail and residential units, according to an EPA fact sheet.” ([ABC News](#), 01/17/18)

After Harvey, EPA Administrator vows bold response to polluted sites around Houston. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, who has visited Texas twice since Hurricane Harvey, vowed Thursday to have ‘an answer’ by next month for a permanent solution to clean up the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. ‘What was concerning about that site in advance of the storm, and is a concern today, frankly, and that is that the response, the capping that’s taken place, this agency’s had to work through remediation efforts every year since 2011,” he said in a Chronicle interview.” ([The Houston Chronicle](#), 09/22/17)

EPA approves plan to stabilize San Jacinto waste pits. “The Environmental Protection Agency has approved a plan to stabilize the riverbed near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site to address the hazards of a 20,000-square-foot area where Hurricane Harvey gouged a pit about 12 feet deep.” ([The Houston Chronicle](#), 10/20/17)

Waste Management secretly funded 'grassroots' opposition to toxic dump removal That Pruitt championed. “Court records obtained by FOX 26 reveal so called independent citizen groups opposing removal of the Dioxin were secretly receiving resources from Waste Management and its subsidiary McGinnes Industrial Management Corporation. That’s important, because the \$100 million cost of the cleanup ordered by the EPA will come straight out of the company’s pocket. “It’s important for the public to know this connection. For years we’ve wondered who’s really behind these groups. It was clear that they had big money behind them, but there was no transparency with these groups,” said Jackie Young of the Texas Health and Environment Alliance.” ([Fox 26 Houston](#), 01/18/18)

REFORMING OBAMA'S AGENDA ...

EPA's Scott Pruitt touring states to push reversal of Obama water rule. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited South Carolina Monday as part of a multistate tour to promote his effort to redo the Obama administration's contentious Waters of the U.S. rule. ‘The Trump administration and EPA are committed to empowering agriculture and business leaders who have been burdened with overreaching regulations that do little to promote environmental stewardship,’ Pruitt said. ‘By beginning the process to redefine WOTUS, we are providing regulatory certainty for South Carolinians while working together with the state to keep our waters clean.’ The rule expanded the EPA's jurisdiction over waterways to include ditches and watering holes, making a wider range of stakeholders, from farmers to natural gas drillers, subject to the agency's authority. Pruitt initiated the WOTUS review earlier this month. Halting the regulation was part of an executive order that President Trump signed soon after taking office in January.” ([The Washington Examiner](#), 07/24/17)

EPA moves to repeal Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs. “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that the Trump administration is moving to scrap the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration's signature regulatory program to curb emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pruitt made the announcement at an event in Hazard, Ky., casting the previous policy as unfair. ‘That rule really was about picking winners and losers,’ Pruitt said. ‘The past administration was unapologetic, they were using every bit of power, authority to use the EPA to pick winners and losers on how we pick electricity in this country. That is wrong.’” ([Fox News](#), 10/09/17)

WAR ON LEAD ...

EPA's Scott Pruitt declares 'war on lead,' three years after Flint water crisis began. “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has begun an effort to ‘eradicate’ lead poisoning from drinking water, more than three years after the crisis in Flint, Michigan, started. Pruitt hosted a meeting Jan. 8 for state and local officials at agency headquarters in Washington to obtain feedback on ways to update the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule, a federal mandate that dictates how communities test for lead in drinking water. It has not been revised in more than a decade.” ([The Washington Examiner](#), 01/23/18)

EPA moves toward updating lead water pipe standards. “The Trump administration is moving forward on potentially updating the 26-year-old standards meant to keep lead out of drinking water. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Scott Pruitt reached out to groups representing states and municipalities in a Thursday letter, inviting them to meet next month about potential revisions the agency is considering to what's known as the Lead and Copper Rule.” ([The Hill](#), 12/14/17)

PEBBLE MINE ...

Citing risks to fisheries, EPA retains proposed development limits on Pebble mine. “In a surprise move that buoyed hopes of groups trying to stop the Pebble gold and copper prospect in western Alaska, EPA administrator Scott Pruitt said Friday the agency would keep alive its proposed restrictions on the mine because of the threat it could pose to fisheries in the Bristol Bay region. Pruitt said in a statement Friday that he made the decision after reviewing public comments about the development limits, proposed by the EPA under Obama in 2014. ‘Based on that review, it is my judgment at this time that any mining projects in the region likely pose a risk to the abundant natural resources that exist there,’ he said. ‘Until we know the full extent of that risk, those natural resources and world-class fisheries deserve the utmost protection.’” ([Alaska Daily News](#), 01/26/18)

EPA Chief Reverses Course On Pebble Mine in Alaska. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is maintaining restrictions on the Pebble Mine in southwest Alaska, an unexpected reversal of what had been

strong Trump administration support for one of the world's biggest mining projects. The administration had taken steps last summer to withdraw restrictions —advanced by Mr. Trump's Democratic predecessor—on development of the site. Friday's decision suspends that withdrawal, putting in limbo a permitting process that developers had been hoping would get fast-tracked under a GOP administration that has emphasized the need to help mining, drilling and manufacturing operations. The EPA has decided, for now, to agree with a decision by former President Barack Obama's administration that a major wild salmon spawning area—and the Native Alaskan communities that depend on them—merit special protection from the development. 'Any mining projects in the region likely pose a risk to the abundant natural resources that exist there,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in a statement. 'Until we know the full extent of that risk, those natural resources and world-class fisheries deserve the utmost protection.' ... A 2014 EPA report said the Pebble mine could have significant adverse effects on the region's fisheries and the Native Alaskan communities that depend on them. Bristol Bay has the largest sockeye salmon fishery on globe, producing about half of the world's wild supply in 2014." ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 01/26/18)

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Challenges remain for Iowa renewable fuels advocates. "The EPA largely held steady the amount of renewable fuels to be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 19.3 billion gallons for 2018. It was the decision to keep the required amount of biodiesel production at 2.1 billion gallons that disappointed industry officials. Pruitt said the agency kept that number flat because the industry has never in one year produced the 2.5 billion gallons it sought for the requirement, and because the U.S. in 2016 imported 700 million gallons of biodiesel fuel from Argentina. If the industry produces more, the biodiesel target could increase in future years, Pruitt said. He said he plans to watch production levels closely this year. 'Hopefully they can produce and that will impact the numbers going forward. But we haven't done it yet, and we imported 700 million gallons last year from Argentina,' Pruitt said. 'We shouldn't be setting a number, in my view, that we have to rely upon people in Argentina to meet.'" ([The Cedar Rapids Gazette](#), 12/03/17)

REFORMING EPA ...

Pruitt moves to shake up EPA advisory boards by removing conflict of interest. "Scientists who receive grants from the Environmental Protection Agency will no longer be allowed to simultaneously serve on the agency's nearly two dozen advisory boards, an unprecedented directive EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said would increase the scientific integrity behind its rule-making. 'Whatever science that we are involved in here at the EPA shouldn't be political science,' Pruitt told a group of reporters Tuesday. 'We want to ensure that the American people have confidence ... in the process and that the advisers that we have in each of these respective capacities are providing independent, arms-length input to us as we make decisions.'" ([USA Today](#), 10/31/17)

Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle." "In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements. 'The days of regulation through litigation are over,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle.'" ([EPA Press Release](#), 10/16/17)

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Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:20 AM

To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Rivera, Anthony <Anthony.Rivera@siriusxm.com>

Subject: RE: Pruitt in NYC next week--interested in interview?

BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. “Politics, baseball and Jesus. That’s what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency.” ([Tulsa World](#), 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration.

“Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump’s inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president’s Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills.” ([The Washington Post](#), 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt’s Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. “Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn’t fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. ‘There is no reason why EPA’s role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,’ he says. ‘Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We’re going to do that job.’ You might call him an EPA originalist.” ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 02/17/17)

PRUITT REGARDING CLEAN POWER PLAN ...

EPA moves to repeal Obama’s Clean Power Plan coal regs. “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that the Trump administration is moving to scrap the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration’s signature regulatory program to curb emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pruitt made the announcement at an event in Hazard, Ky., casting the previous policy as unfair. “That rule really was about picking winners and losers,” Pruitt said. “The past administration was unapologetic, they were using every bit of power, authority to use the EPA to pick winners and losers on how we pick electricity in this country. That is wrong.” ([Fox News](#), 10/09/17)

EPA's Pruitt moves to repeal Obama-era Clean Power Plan. “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday formally proposed repealing the Obama administration’s “Clean Power Plan,” in a move to ease regulations on coal-fired power plants. The EPA said the move to repeal would facilitate new developments of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary rules that have curbed their development. “The president made a promise to the American people that the EPA would not be an agency that picks winners and losers as we generate electricity in this country,” Pruitt told Fox News’ “Special Report with Bret Baier” Tuesday night. “The [Obama] administration made a commitment to declare a war on coal. And effective yesterday and today, that war is over.” The EPA said in a statement that the agency wants to declare that the Clean Power Plan exceeded the government’s authority.” ([Fox News](#), 10/10/17)

Pruitt's Clean Power Break. “The Trump Administration is giving the economy a boost with its deregulatory agenda, and the latest example comes Tuesday when Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt will propose to repeal the Obama Administration’s Clean Power Plan. Ending this power grab will uphold the letter of the law and restore cooperative federalism with the states.” (The Wall Street Journal, 10/08/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA ...

Press Release

April 20, 2017

<https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda>

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his “Back to Basics Agenda” on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president’s recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE CHANGE ...

REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings...

PRUITT: That’s not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? (Reuters, 07/12/17)

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION’S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) ...

“The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city’s residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. ‘The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is ‘do no harm,’ said Barrasso. “This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan’s water crisis.’ There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution.” (The Washington Post, 01/18/17)

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reimbursements to five entities in Colorado and Utah for their costs incurred responding to the August 5, 2015, Gold King Mine release.” ([Press Release](#), 03/16/17)

WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS ...

In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors. “In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states.” ([Press Release](#), 02/26/17)

EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. “U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration.” ([Press Release](#), 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. “The days of coercive federalism are over,” the letter reads. “Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.” ([Press Release](#), 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA’S AGENDA ...

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. “President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States.’” ([Press Release](#), 02/28/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan. “Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS ...

EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. “‘These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.’” ([Press Release](#), 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. “Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA’s Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017.” ([Press Release](#), 03/31/17)

EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses \$171 million annually. “The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to \$171 million a year.” ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT ...

The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. “[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site.” ([Press Release](#), 03/18/17)

The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated \$16 million -- in addition to the \$26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree.” ([Press Release](#), 03/20/17)

EPA set to oversee second phase of \$43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake. “The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS ...

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EPA awards \$380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona. ([Press Release](#), 02/28/17)

EPA Awards \$1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. ... The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

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Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 2:45 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Sadly we hit the air in 15 minutes and are on until 6, so I am unavailable. However, you can contact me first thing Monday morning at Personal Phone / Ex. 6 and we can discuss anything you need.

Robert Barowski

Producer, Savage Nation | Westwood One

From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 1:34 PM

To: Robert Barowski; Ford, Hayley; Jim Verdi

Cc: r.ocallaghan15@gmail.com; Ferguson, Lincoln; Wilcox, Jahan

Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Can we talk today? I am open from now until 4 p.m. Eastern.

From: Robert Barowski [<mailto:RBarowski@WestwoodOne.com>]

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Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Great! Thank you very much. I look forward to ironing out the details and having Administrator Pruitt on.

Robert Barowski

Producer, Savage Nation | Westwood One

From: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 1:32 PM

To: Robert Barowski; Jim Verdi

Cc: r.ocallaghan15@gmail.com; Ferguson, Lincoln; Wilcox, Jahan; Bowman, Liz

Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

I was able to move his prior meeting up and we can do a 4:30PM ET interview time next Thurs, Feb 8. Lincoln/Jahan/Liz, copied here, will be in touch regarding format/length/etc.

Thank you!

Hayley Ford

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Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

I'm determining if we can move his earlier meeting up so we can start at 4:30 and will let you know ASAP. We will either do 4:30 or 4:45 on Feb 8.

Lincoln or Jahan on this message will respond or reach out to you regarding your question about format of the radio interview.

Thanks!

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Cc: r.ocallaghan15@gmail.com; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Good morning everyone,

Thursday, Feb. 8 works for us, however the 2:45 p.m. ET time doesn't, as we don't hit the air until 3. The 4:45 would work the best for us, however if possible, could we move the interview to 4:30? That way the Administrator and Dr. Savage could have a longer segment to discuss the issues they'd like to get to. If we're not able to move to 4:30, we can still make it work, I'm just trying to give you the more ideal time.

Robert Barowski

Producer, Savage Nation | Westwood One

From: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 12:43 PM

To: Jim Verdi

Cc: Robert Barowski; r.ocallaghan15@gmail.com; Ferguson, Lincoln; Wilcox, Jahan

Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Hi all,

It looks like you had spelt Lincoln's name wrong in the email – he is copied here, but it's Ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov (missing the L below) so we apologize but never knew you were trying to reach us and expecting us this week.

Michael and I just connected and discussed having Administrator Pruitt on next week instead (he said tomorrow wouldn't work and he is on a flight during the show today).

Would Thurs, Feb 8 at 2:45PM ET work? Alternatively, we could do 4:45 or 5PM ET that day.

Let us know if that works. Thanks!

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From: Jim Verdi [<mailto:JVerdi@WestwoodOne.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 1:37 PM

To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>

Cc: Robert Barowski <RBarowski@WestwoodOne.com>; r.ocallaghan15@gmail.com

Subject: Fw: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Hi Hayley, this is what I sent yesterday.

Thank you!

From: Jim Verdi

Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:52 AM

To: ferguson.lincon@epa.gov

Cc: jjverdi@live.com

Subject: Administrator Pruitt on Michael Savage today

Hello Mr. Ferguson, just checking in. You had offered to have Administrator Pruitt on the Savage Nation with Michael Savage today and was wondering if that offer still stands.

We generally do the bottom of the hour which would be 3:30 or 4:30 EST

Thanks for your consideration

Jim

Jim Verdi

Associate Producer

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Subject: FW: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:45 PM
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Subject: FW: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Making sure we all saw this.

From: Emily Holden [mailto:eholden@politico.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Hi—We have reviewed some radio shows that Administrator Pruitt participated in while he was a state senator. They are a six-part series on American government and appeared on Tulsa-based KFAQ and later were posted on his 2010 campaign website. Can you verify that they are legitimate?

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070126055028/http://www.1170kfaq.com:80/qu.html>

In the discussions he:

- Argues evolution is an unproven theory
- Says “the most grievous threat that we have today is this imperialistic judiciary, this judicial monarchy that has it wrong on what the First Amendment’s about and has an objective to create religious sterility in the public square, which is wholly inconsistent with the Founding Fathers’ view.”
- Suggests calling a Constitutional Convention to consider amendments to allow more religious expression in government, define marriage as between a man and a woman, prohibit abortion and remove restrictions on gun access, which he calls a God-given right
- Says that without a change, anarchy and rebellion could come within the next few decades
- Says minority religions are being encouraged while Christianity is discouraged
- Does not disagree with the host that Islam ““is not so much a religion as it is a terrorist organization, in many instances.”

Have any of his views on these topics changed? Would you like to provide comment about how? In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

We would need any comment by around 4 or 5 p.m. Please let me know if you’re working on sending something over. I know this is a lot of info, so please feel free to call if I can elaborate on any points.

Thank you,
Emily

Emily Holden

Reporter, energy/climate

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Subject: Pre-Brief: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: Administrator's Office

Start: 2/7/2018 6:45:00 PM
End: 2/7/2018 7:00:00 PM
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Appointment

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Subject: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
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From: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
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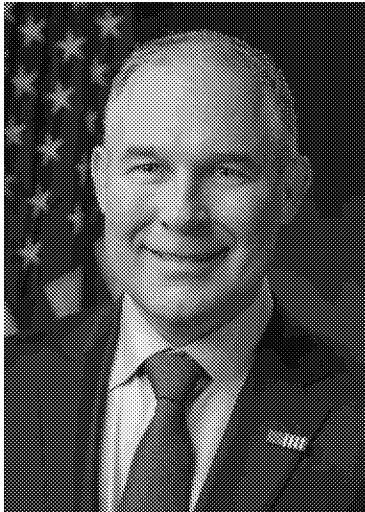
See attached. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Millan
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: Bio for Faith and Freedom

Do you all have a bio for me to provide to the faith and freedom folks for tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone



E. Scott Pruitt

Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency

****Ralph provide a comment about their relationship and Administrator's faith****

Scott Pruitt is the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Since the beginning of his tenure as EPA Administrator, Pruitt has been committed to ensuring the Agency gets back to the basics of managing and protecting our environment by engaging with state, local, and tribal partners to create regulatory certainty and enhance economic growth.

Administrator Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reforms, including actions to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan and the 2015 "Waters of the United States" rule. All told, EPA has issued more regulatory reform actions than any other federal agency in the first year of the Trump presidency.

Pruitt's other significant accomplishments include establishing science transparency at the Agency, ending the practice of "Sue and Settle," and working with President Trump to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

Prior to serving in the Trump Administration, Pruitt served as Attorney General of Oklahoma, where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans.

Pruitt has been a longtime, staunch advocate for religious freedom, including his [[HYPERLINK "http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/education/oklahoma-attorney-general-scott-pruitt-defends-bible-distribution-in-schools/article_592d20aa-2c46-51f6-a3fb-f11480542217.html"](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/education/oklahoma-attorney-general-scott-pruitt-defends-bible-distribution-in-schools/article_592d20aa-2c46-51f6-a3fb-f11480542217.html)] of Bible distribution in schools and [[HYPERLINK "http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2015/October/Officials-Defend-School-Prayer-in-Oklahoma-Alabama"](http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2015/October/Officials-Defend-School-Prayer-in-Oklahoma-Alabama)]—both under the Friday night lights and at musical performances. He also served as a trustee at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate, in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate. He played baseball at the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and received his law degree from the University of Tulsa. Pruitt and his wife Marlyn have been married for 27 years and proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

Message

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Subject: FW: Faith & Freedom Press List
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FYSA for Faith and Freedom speaking engagement on Friday morning.

From: Lance Lemmonds [mailto:Lance@ffcoalition.com]
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Message

From: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/6/2018 7:33:21 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Friday's Speeches
Attachments: Western Conservative Summit 6-8-18.docx; Faith and Freedom 6-8-18.docx

Attached.

Faith and Freedom
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D.C.
Friday, June 8 @ 9am

Audience: 2,000 grassroots activists

Length: 15 min

Exact Speaking Time: 9am

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Message

From: Kunderinger, Kelly [kunderinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/4/2018 2:52:58 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Can you have EPA review for immediate release?
Attachments: 6-1-18Pruit WCS - JH edits.docx; ATT00001.htm

Does everyone sign off on this?

Thanks!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, Amy" <aesmith@ccu.edu>
Date: June 4, 2018 at 10:05:35 AM EDT
To: "kunderinger.kelly@epa.gov" <kunderinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Can you have EPA review for immediate release?

Hi Kelly,

Can you please review and confirm the attached document for immediate release.

Thank You,

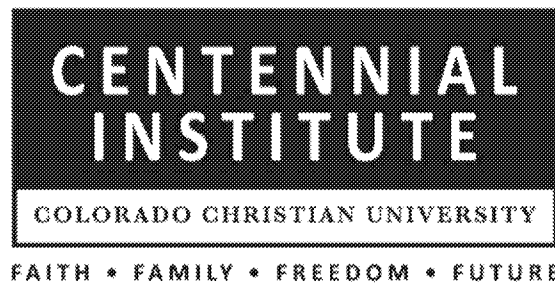
Amy Smith
Director of Operations
Centennial Institute

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From: "Hunt, Jeffrey G." <jhunt@ccu.edu<<mailto:jhunt@ccu.edu>>>
Date: June 4, 2018 at 8:02:14 AM MDT
To: "Smith, Amy" <aesmith@ccu.edu<<mailto:aesmith@ccu.edu>>>
Subject: Can you have EPA review for immediate release?

JH

Jeff Hunt
Vice President of Public Policy, Colorado Christian University
Director, Centennial Institute



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
June 4, 2018

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to speak at Western Conservative Summit

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO—The Centennial Institute announced today that Scott Pruitt, the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will address the Western Conservative Summit on the evening of Friday, June 8th.

"2018 will see a record number of President Trump's cabinet-level officials speaking at the Western Conservative Summit. Administrator Pruitt has returned the EPA to its original intent of protecting the environment without unnecessarily restricting energy and business development in America. We are very excited that Administrator Pruitt will be addressing the attendees of the Western Conservative Summit" **said Jeff Hunt, Director of the Centennial Institute and Chairman of the Western Conservative Summit.**

Administrator Pruitt has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment. He has dedicated his career to creating policy that serves the people. He strongly believes that environmental law, policy and progress are all based on cooperation between the states, cooperation between the states and EPA, and cooperation between regulators and the public.

The Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University works to enhance public understanding of the most important issues relating to faith, family and freedom. As part of this endeavor, the Institute focuses its efforts on conducting research, analyzing public policy options and sponsoring seminars, conferences, and other activities that involve students, faculty, staff and outside experts. For more information: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.ccu.edu/centennial"](http://www.ccu.edu/centennial)]

The Western Conservative Summit is a two-day gathering of conservatives in Denver, CO to celebrate and advance faith, family, and freedom for our future. For more information: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.westernconservativesummit.com"](http://www.westernconservativesummit.com)].

To schedule an interview with Jeff Hunt, please contact Kevin McVicker with Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at (703) 739-5920 or Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at (703) 739-5920 or [[HYPERLINK "mailto:kmcvicker@sbpublicaffairs.com"](mailto:kmcvicker@sbpublicaffairs.com)].

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From: Seabaugh, Catherine [seabaugh.catherine@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2018 7:37:18 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: Thank Yous
Attachments: 5.25.18.docx

California Poultry Federation
Summit
Korean War Veterans Memorial tour

**California Poultry Federation
President Bill Mattos
4640 Spyres Way, Suite 4
Modesto, CA 95356**

Dear Bill,

It was a pleasure to be able to see you again and meet with you in D.C. I enjoyed being able to learn more about the California Poultry Federation and the small family farm owners. Supporting local businesses is beneficial to the American environment and economy, so EPA looks forward to working with your organization in the future as we strive to meet our mutual goals.

I hope to connect with you again soon.

Warmest regards,

E. Scott Pruitt

**Summit
President Jeff Myers
PO Box 207
Manitou Springs, CO 80829**

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for sending me the kind note and the copy of your book Understanding the Culture. I look forward to reading your perspective on how the Christian worldview influences perspectives on environmental issues. Kind acts like this mean the world to me and I appreciate you taking the time to send me this gift.

May God bless you!

Warmest regards,

E. Scott Pruitt

**National Park Service
National Mall & Memorial Parks
Chief of Communications, Mike Litterst
900 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20024**

Dear Mike,

Thank you for leading us on the tour of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I enjoyed the tour and being able to learn more about the men who gave their lives for our great nation. Memorial Day is an important reminder of those who fought for our freedom, and I appreciate your time and helping us commemorate this day.

Warmest regards,

E. Scott Pruitt

**National Park Service
Acting Chief of Staff, Chris Powell
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240**

Dear Chris,

Thank you for helping organize our tour of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on short notice. I enjoyed the tour and being able to learn more about the men who gave their lives for our great nation. Memorial Day is an important reminder of those who fought for our freedom, and I appreciate your efforts and helping us commemorate this day.

Warmest regards,

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**National Park Service
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Deputy Superintendent, Karen Cucurullo
900 Ohio Drive SW
Washington, DC 20024**

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Your efforts are truly appreciated.

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Sent: 5/21/2018 7:41:59 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Following up

I will send them a request form and take from here.

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From: Jackson, Ryan
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To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
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Ryan Jackson
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Date: May 21, 2018 at 3:20:06 PM EDT
To: "jackson.ryan@epa.gov" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Following up

Ryan,

It was great to meet you last week. Again, if the Administrator is available in September, we'd be honored to come visit with our President's Council members.

Each year, NRB brings members of its President's Council to Washington to hear from some of the nation's top policymakers. This annual meeting, called the Capitol Hill Media Summit, draws a number of leading Christian broadcasters and media executives with particular interest in public policy -

including top leaders from such organizations as Salem Media Group, Bott Radio Network, Moody Radio, and the Christian Broadcasting Network (a fuller listing is [here](#) at the bottom of the page). We usually have a group of 40 or so.

Our group will be in town in late Sept, and I wondered if a visit late in the day on Monday, Sept. 24, might be possible or perhaps sometime on Tuesday, Sept. 25?

Thank you for your time and kindness,
Aaron

Aaron Mercer

Vice President of Government Relations

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Subject: RE: Faith & Freedom

As long as this is good by ethics, I'm for it. Kelly,

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graphic to them to clear.

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Subject: Faith & Freedom

Team –

Faith and Freedom has asked to announce the Administrator's attendance at their event next week. Attached is the graphic they plan to use.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Kelly Kunding
Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/29/2018 3:37:57 PM
To: Boris Epshteyn [bepshteyn@sbgvtv.com]; Jonathan Helman [jrhelman@sbgvtv.com]
CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
Subject: Pruitt Background Brief
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- Awarded \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$1.4 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and, awarded \$100 million to Flint, Mich. for water infrastructure upgrades.
- Cleared the Agency's backlog of new chemical submissions — containing 600 new submissions as of January 2017 — and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.
- Full Report: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf

CLEANING-UP TOXIC SUPERFUND SITES ...

At Superfund sites, Scott Pruitt could flip his industry-friendly script. “In pressing for aggressive, accelerated cleanups, he is butting heads with companies while siding at times with local environmental groups. His supporters, and Pruitt himself, say it is evidence he is reinvigorating a core function of the agency. His critics see it as a political move, an effort to protect himself against charges that he constantly favors corporate interests. Yet Pruitt's attention is shifting the conversation in some beleaguered communities. Residents say they don't care what his motivations are — if those bring the results they've long sought. ‘Scott Pruitt is probably the most important person right now in the lives of the people in this community,’ said Dawn Chapman, who lives with her husband and three children near a controversial site northwest of St. Louis. The landfill there, known as West Lake, contains thousands of tons of radioactive waste from the World War II-era Manhattan Project. Chapman and other activists are pushing for significant excavation. Pruitt has promised them he will issue a decision within days. There are signs he might seek more extensive — and expensive — removal than EPA staff have recommended in the past. As is the case in Texas, the companies on the hook for the cleanup contend that years of scientific evidence show capping the waste in place would be safer, cheaper and completed sooner. ‘Depending on the decision [Pruitt] makes,’ Chapman said, ‘he will probably forever remain the hero or the villain in the eyes of this community.’” (The Washington Post, 01/23/18)

EPA wants to do partial excavation of contaminants at radioactive West Lake Landfill Superfund site. “In a long-awaited decision that appears to be a compromise, the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday recommended partial excavation of the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton to remove radioactive waste linked to the Manhattan Project. The EPA said the proposed remedy, which it calls “Excavation Plus,” is expected to take five years to implement and will remove the “majority” of radioactivity by digging to a depth of about 16 feet, while installing an engineered cover system for long-term protection. ‘The consideration here was timing, it was certainty, it was respect to human health that was being protected,’ EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told the Post-Dispatch in a phone call Thursday morning.” (The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 02/01/18)

After Harvey, EPA Administrator vows bold response to polluted sites around Houston. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, who has visited Texas twice since Hurricane Harvey, vowed Thursday to have ‘an answer’ by next month for a permanent solution to clean up the San Jacinto River Waste

Pits. 'What was concerning about that site in advance of the storm, and is a concern today, frankly, and that is that the response, the capping that's taken place, this agency's had to work through remediation efforts every year since 2011," he said in a Chronicle interview." ([The Houston Chronicle](#), 09/22/17)

EPA approves plan to stabilize San Jacinto waste pits. "The Environmental Protection Agency has approved a plan to stabilize the riverbed near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site to address the hazards of a 20,000-square-foot area where Hurricane Harvey gouged a pit about 12 feet deep." ([The Houston Chronicle](#), 10/20/17)

Pruitt is working on the redevelopment of Superfund sites in East Chicago and an area of land near the Seattle Seahawks' practice facility. "Thirty-one of the country's most contaminated sites are likely to be available for building new housing, business or other development soon after they are cleaned up, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said today, a step that's part of Administrator Scott Pruitt's push to accelerate the cleanup and make the land available for community use... Another example on the list is a Superfund site on the coast of Lake Washington and close to the practice facility for the Seattle Seahawks. It was contaminated by coal tar and creosote from manufacturing until 1969 and a cleanup plan is expected to be finalized in 2019. The owner of the land wants to redevelop it for 10 buildings with retail and residential units, according to an EPA fact sheet." ([ABC News](#), 01/17/18)

REFORMING OBAMA'S AGENDA ...

EPA moves to repeal Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that the Trump administration is moving to scrap the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration's signature regulatory program to curb emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pruitt made the announcement at an event in Hazard, Ky., casting the previous policy as unfair. "That rule really was about picking winners and losers," Pruitt said. "The past administration was unapologetic, they were using every bit of power, authority to use the EPA to pick winners and losers on how we pick electricity in this country. That is wrong." ([Fox News](#), 10/09/17)

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind Obama's 2015 "Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.'" ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

REFORMING EPA ...

EPA staffing falls to Reagan-era levels. "The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) staffing is now lower than it was in former President Reagan's final year in office. An EPA spokeswoman said Tuesday that, as of Jan. 3, the agency had 14,162 employees, down from about 15,000 at the beginning of last year. That's even lower than the 14,400 employees the agency had in fiscal year 1988, Reagan's final year." ([The Hill](#), 01/09/18)

Pruitt moves to shake up EPA advisory boards by removing conflict of interest. "Scientists who receive grants from the Environmental Protection Agency will no longer be allowed to simultaneously serve on the agency's nearly two dozen advisory boards, an unprecedented directive EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said would

increase the scientific integrity behind its rule-making. 'Whatever science that we are involved in here at the EPA shouldn't be political science,' Pruitt told a group of reporters Tuesday. 'We want to ensure that the American people have confidence ... in the process and that the advisers that we have in each of these respective capacities are providing independent, arms-length input to us as we make decisions.'" ([USA Today](#), 10/31/17)

Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle." "In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements. 'The days of regulation through litigation are over,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle.'" ([EPA Press Release](#), 10/16/17)

WAR ON LEAD ...

EPA's Scott Pruitt declares 'war on lead,' three years after Flint water crisis began. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has begun an effort to 'eradicate' lead poisoning from drinking water, more than three years after the crisis in Flint, Michigan, started. Pruitt hosted a meeting Jan. 8 for state and local officials at agency headquarters in Washington to obtain feedback on ways to update the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule, a federal mandate that dictates how communities test for lead in drinking water. It has not been revised in more than a decade." ([The Washington Examiner](#), 01/23/18)

EPA will move to label chemical found in drinking water 'hazardous.' "Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt says the agency will move to regulate as 'hazardous' a type of harmful chemical found in the drinking water of millions of Americans, calling it a 'national priority.' The type of chemical is commonly known as PFAS or PFOS and is used in nonstick pans, making furniture and carpets stain resistant, absorbing grease in products like pizza boxes as is contained as well in firefighting foam commonly used at airports. EPA first published rules about the chemical in 2002 when the 3M company agreed to phase them out. The EPA studied the health effects of exposure for several years and published a health advisory in 2016." ([ABC News](#), 05/22/18)

EPA moves toward updating lead water pipe standards. "The Trump administration is moving forward on potentially updating the 26-year-old standards meant to keep lead out of drinking water. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Scott Pruitt reached out to groups representing states and municipalities in a Thursday letter, inviting them to meet next month about potential revisions the agency is considering to what's known as the Lead and Copper Rule." ([The Hill](#), 12/14/17)

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- Awarded \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$1.4 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation’s water quality; and, awarded \$100 million to Flint, Mich. for water infrastructure upgrades.
- Cleared the Agency’s backlog of new chemical submissions — containing 600 new submissions as of January 2017 — and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.
- Full Report: [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf"](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf)]

CLEANING-UP TOXIC SUPERFUND SITES ...

At Superfund sites, Scott Pruitt could flip his industry-friendly script. “In pressing for aggressive, accelerated cleanups, he is butting heads with companies while siding at times with local environmental groups. His supporters, and Pruitt himself, say it is evidence he is reinvigorating a core function of the agency. His critics see it as a political move, an effort to protect himself against charges that he constantly favors corporate interests. Yet Pruitt’s attention is shifting the conversation in some beleaguered communities. Residents say they don’t care what his motivations are — if those bring the results they’ve long sought. ‘Scott Pruitt is probably the most important person right now in the lives of the people in this community,’ said Dawn Chapman, who lives with her husband and three children near a controversial site northwest of St. Louis. The landfill there, known as West Lake, contains thousands of tons of radioactive waste from the World War II-era Manhattan Project. Chapman and other activists are pushing for significant excavation. Pruitt has promised them he will issue a decision within days. There are signs he might seek more extensive — and expensive — removal than EPA staff have recommended in the past. As is the case in Texas, the companies on the hook for the cleanup contend that years of scientific evidence show capping the waste in place would be safer, cheaper and completed sooner. ‘Depending on the decision [Pruitt] makes,’ Chapman said, ‘he will probably forever remain the hero or

the villain in the eyes of this community.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/at-superfund-sites-scott-pruitt-could-flip-his-industry-friendly-script/2018/01/23/070c07d4-f659-11e7-a9e3-ab18ce41436a_story.html?utm_term=.b2f243b165d0%5C" \t "_blank"] 01/23/18)

EPA wants to do partial excavation of contaminants at radioactive West Lake Landfill Superfund site.

“In a long-awaited decision that appears to be a compromise, the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday recommended partial excavation of the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton to remove radioactive waste linked to the Manhattan Project. The EPA said the proposed remedy, which it calls “Excavation Plus,” is expected to take five years to implement and will remove the “majority” of radioactivity by digging to a depth of about 16 feet, while installing an engineered cover system for long-term protection. ‘The consideration here was timing, it was certainty, it was respect to human health that was being protected,’ EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told the Post-Dispatch in a phone call Thursday morning.” ([HYPERLINK "http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/epa-wants-to-do-partial-excavation-of-contaminants-at-radioactive/article_a38fbc0e-7937-5f90-af8a-24d042f57916.html"], 02/01/18)

After Harvey, EPA Administrator vows bold response to polluted sites around Houston.

“Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, who has visited Texas twice since Hurricane Harvey, vowed Thursday to have ‘an answer’ by next month for a permanent solution to clean up the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. ‘What was concerning about that site in advance of the storm, and is a concern today, frankly, and that is that the response, the capping that’s taken place, this agency’s had to work through remediation efforts every year since 2011,” he said in a Chronicle interview.” ([HYPERLINK "http://www.chron.com/news/politics/article/After-Harvey-EPA-administrator-vows-bold-12218929.php" \t "_blank"], 09/22/17)

EPA approves plan to stabilize San Jacinto waste pits. “The Environmental Protection Agency has approved a plan to stabilize the riverbed near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site to address the hazards of a 20,000-square-foot area where Hurricane Harvey gouged a pit about 12 feet deep.” [HYPERLINK "http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/EPA-approves-plan-to-stabilize-site-of-waste-pits-12292333.php" \t "_blank"], 10/20/17)

Pruitt is working on the redevelopment of Superfund sites in East Chicago and an area of land near the Seattle Seahawks’ practice facility. “Thirty-one of the country’s most contaminated sites are likely to be available for building new housing, business or other development soon after they are cleaned up, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said today, a step that’s part of Administrator Scott Pruitt’s push to accelerate the cleanup and make the land available for community use... Another example on the list is a Superfund site on the coast of Lake Washington and close to the practice facility for the Seattle Seahawks. It was contaminated by coal tar and creosote from manufacturing until 1969 and a cleanup plan is expected to be finalized in 2019. The owner of the land wants to redevelop it for 10 buildings with retail and residential units, according to an EPA fact sheet.” ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/epa-targets-east-chicago-contaminated-superfund-sites-development/story?id=52380486" \t "_blank"], 01/17/18)

REFORMING OBAMA’S AGENDA ...

EPA moves to repeal Obama’s Clean Power Plan coal regs. “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that the Trump administration is moving to scrap the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration’s signature regulatory program to curb emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pruitt

made the announcement at an event in Hazard, Ky., casting the previous policy as unfair. "That rule really was about picking winners and losers," Pruitt said. "The past administration was unapologetic, they were using every bit of power, authority to use the EPA to pick winners and losers on how we pick electricity in this country. That is wrong." ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/10/09/epas-pruitt-announces-trump-administration-scrapping-obama-era-coal-regs.html"], 10/09/17)

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind Obama's 2015 "Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-us-army-move-rescind-2015-waters-us"], 06/27/17)

REFORMING EPA ...

EPA staffing falls to Reagan-era levels. "The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) staffing is now lower than it was in former President Reagan's final year in office. An EPA spokeswoman said Tuesday that, as of Jan. 3, the agency had 14,162 employees, down from about 15,000 at the beginning of last year. That's even lower than the 14,400 employees the agency had in fiscal year 1988, Reagan's final year." ([HYPERLINK "http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/368090-epa-staffing-hits-reagan-levels"], 01/09/18)

Pruitt moves to shake up EPA advisory boards by removing conflict of interest. "Scientists who receive grants from the Environmental Protection Agency will no longer be allowed to simultaneously serve on the agency's nearly two dozen advisory boards, an unprecedented directive EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said would increase the scientific integrity behind its rule-making. 'Whatever science that we are involved in here at the EPA shouldn't be political science,' Pruitt told a group of reporters Tuesday. 'We want to ensure that the American people have confidence ... in the process and that the advisers that we have in each of these respective capacities are providing independent, arms-length input to us as we make decisions.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/10/31/pruitt-moves-shake-up-epa-advisory-boards-further-antagonizing-environmental-activists/817405001/"], 10/31/17)

Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle." "In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements. 'The days of regulation through litigation are over,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days

of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-issues-directive-end-epa-sue-settle>"], 10/16/17)

WAR ON LEAD ...

EPA's Scott Pruitt declares 'war on lead,' three years after Flint water crisis began. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has begun an effort to 'eradicate' lead poisoning from drinking water, more than three years after the crisis in Flint, Michigan, started. Pruitt hosted a meeting Jan. 8 for state and local officials at agency headquarters in Washington to obtain feedback on ways to update the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule, a federal mandate that dictates how communities test for lead in drinking water. It has not been revised in more than a decade." ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-scott-pruitt-declares-war-on-lead-three-years-after-flint-water-crisis-began/article/2646369>"], 01/23/18)

EPA will move to label chemical found in drinking water 'hazardous.' "Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt says the agency will move to regulate as 'hazardous' a type of harmful chemical found in the drinking water of millions of Americans, calling it a 'national priority.' The type of chemical is commonly known as PFAS or PFOS and is used in nonstick pans, making furniture and carpets stain resistant, absorbing grease in products like pizza boxes as is contained as well in firefighting foam commonly used at airports. EPA first published rules about the chemical in 2002 when the 3M company agreed to phase them out. The EPA studied the health effects of exposure for several years and published a health advisory in 2016." ([HYPERLINK "<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/epa-move-label-chemical-found-drinking-water-hazardous/story?id=55351137>"], 05/22/18)

EPA moves toward updating lead water pipe standards. "The Trump administration is moving forward on potentially updating the 26-year-old standards meant to keep lead out of drinking water. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Scott Pruitt reached out to groups representing states and municipalities in a Thursday letter, inviting them to meet next month about potential revisions the agency is considering to what's known as the Lead and Copper Rule." ([HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/364906-epa-moves-toward-updating-lead-water-pipe-standards>"], 12/14/17)

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Talk of climate, controversies banned in Pruitt meeting

By Niina Heikkinen, 4/17/18

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt hosted a group of religious leaders in his office last week.

There were conditions: There would be no talk about climate change or Pruitt's recent bad press.

On Friday afternoon, Pruitt and several EPA staffers met with nine faith leaders from different religious backgrounds at EPA headquarters to talk about environmental justice issues, according to one attendee.

"We were not allowed to talk about climate; it was not part of it. It was apparently a condition of the meeting," said the Rev. Mitchell Hescox, president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network. "It was a cordial meeting, but I was a little disheartened that he didn't want to talk about climate."

Participants were also warned not to talk about the torrent of negative media coverage Pruitt has received in recent weeks regarding the administrator's spending while in office. He has faced an onslaught of criticism about his housing, travel and security detail in Washington, D.C.

The Franciscan Action Network organized the 45-minute meeting in Pruitt's office, which was supposed to be an off-the-record, private discussion. Hescox said he was surprised to see a photographer at the meeting and was "disconcerted" when the administrator tweeted photos of it later that day. The tweet was later deleted at FAN's request, according to Hescox.

EPA staff relayed the restrictions on the discussion to the Franciscans, Hescox said, but he couldn't say whether they originated from Pruitt or the staff.

An EPA spokesperson confirmed that Pruitt had met with "environmentally focused interfaith leaders" to talk about the agency's mission.

"While it is our common practice to post photos from the Administrator's meetings for public awareness, there was a miscommunication regarding post-meeting media plans and we took down the post, at the request of the group," the spokesperson said in an email.

During the meeting, Pruitt spoke in detail about two of his favored issues, safe drinking water and Superfund site cleanup. Only four of the attendees, including Hescox, had time to make their requests to the administrator. One person

asked for a faith-based office in EPA, another spoke about water issues in New York, and Hescox focused on the impact of toxic chemicals on developing fetuses.

Pruitt avoided any mention of the recent ethics controversies and let participants know he had just come from having a Big Mac at the White House, Hescox said.

"We did have a good meeting talking about the things he wanted to talk about. [But] it was hard to have an in-depth discussion on [the] realities of what is happening in the world," he said.

Hescox said that he found out about the terms of the discussion just a half-hour beforehand and would not have participated if he had had more advance notice.

Hescox has been sharply critical of Pruitt since his nomination. The meeting was the first time they met face to face. In an op-ed in The Christian Post published April 6, Hescox said Pruitt's deregulatory actions betrayed anti-abortion values.

"President Trump's Administration, especially the head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Scott Pruitt, have done little to defend the forgotten, especially our unborn and newly born children. While claiming to be pro-life, they have done little to fulfill EPA's mission, 'To protect human health and the environment,'" Hescox wrote. "Instead they have pandered to industry lobbyists, proposed bailouts to the dying fossil fuel industry and 'lived high on the hog' instead of defending the lives and health of our children."

Hescox said Pruitt did seem to recognize his name when they were introduced but did not take the opportunity to respond to his criticisms.

"He kind of had the eyebrow raised up," he said.

Hescox kept his remarks to Pruitt last week focused on environmental risks to fetal life.

He requested that the administrator name fetuses as an "at-risk group" under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have rejected Hescox's past efforts to add protection under the law for fetal life, calling it a "poison pill."

Republicans have feared that it would require more research from the oil and gas industry, and Democrats have shied away from appearing to be "pro-life," Hescox said.

"[Pruitt] said he would consider it," Hescox added.

Although he didn't talk about climate change at the meeting, Hescox did make sure Pruitt had some reading on the subject. He left the EPA boss a copy of his book, "Caring for Creation: The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment."

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spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND ...

Barack Obama's Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs and current U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth spent \$2,100 on challenge coins. "A Chicago Tribune review of other spending records from Duckworth's tenure found a \$2,100 expenditure on "china with the VA logo" and a \$1,875 expenditure on "so-called 'challenge coins' with the VA logo on one side and her name on the other." ([The Washington Examiner](#), 10/27/16)

From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
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Subject: request for comment re: the EPA Challenge Coin

Hello,

We're going to report a story this afternoon about EPA's "challenge coin." The facts that will appear in our story will include the following:

That Mr. Pruitt did not want the EPA logo to appear on the coin; that EPA staffers, including Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, urged him to put the EPA logo on the coin; that Mr. Pruitt told staff members he believed the EPA logo looks like a marijuana leaf and thus wanted it removed or made smaller on notepads, pens and other items; that Mr. Pruitt wanted an image of a buffalo on the coin; and that the coins were printed and distributed with a buffalo on it.

Here are our questions:

- Did Mr. Pruitt omit the EPA seal from the coin because he thought it looked like a marijuana leaf?
- Did he put the buffalo on the coin because it was from Oklahoma and thus represented him?
- Did he ask for a bible quote to be written on the seal?
- Did he ask for the presidential seal to be emblazoned on the seal?
- The vendor and total price of the coin order

Thanks so much for your response, our deadline is 4:30 p.m.

Best,
Lisa

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Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Interview request from NPR's Embedded - Follow-up 5

Hi Liz and Jahan,

I wanted to write to both of you again, regarding the request for an interview for NPR's program 'Embedded.' I first wrote to Jahan about this on March 13, but haven't received a reply to that email, or subsequent email requests. (And I'd note that this is separate from any interview requests from NPR's other programs.)

As I wrote, my colleague Joe Wertz and I are working on a profile of Administrator Pruitt, with a particular focus on his time in Oklahoma - both as a State Senator and then as the state's Attorney General.

This is your opportunity for Administrator Pruitt to offer input on this story. We'd really like to hear directly from him, and to give him the chance to provide his perspective on the events and actions we'll be discussing.

For example, we've spoken to former legal clients of the Administrator, such as Lyn Whittington, who sued a state agency on religious liberty grounds.

We've spoken to Pastor Nick Garland about Administrator Pruitt's religious faith. In fact, we're taking a close look at how the Administrator's faith has informed his political career -- this is something he's spoken about at length in radio interviews and public speeches, and played a role in his advocacy for legislation on abortion, pornography, and faith-based initiatives, as well as his fight for issues like the 10 Commandments Monument at the State Capitol.

We've also spoken with voices critical of the Administrator's early career, including former state senator Ged Wright, a conservative Republican who was unseated by the Administrator in 1998.

And we're also taking a close look at Administrator Pruitt's handling of environmental cases as the state Attorney General -- including the shifting of priorities from the Environmental Protection Unit in the agency, to the Federalism Unit, and the handling of the *State of Oklahoma v. Tyson et al* case (this is the case on poultry waste).

Please let us know if the Administrator will be available -- we'd really like to include his comments. We expect to finish our reporting by about the end of this week - Friday, April 13 - or early next week.

You can reach me at 310-815-4376 or by email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Tom Dreisbach

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Subject: FW: Requesting comment on Pruitt AG expenses

An inquiry from his AG days. Should I just refer him to the Oklahoma AG office?

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Subject: Requesting comment on Pruitt AG expenses

Hey Michael,

We're working on another story on Administrator Pruitt's time as Oklahoma attorney general based on hundreds of pages of travel and reimbursement records provided by the AG office.

The records show that one of Mr. Pruitt's last acts as AG was to request a \$400 reimbursement for office decorations -- a mirror, a plant, a planter, and a vase -- that were purchased six years earlier in 2011. The AG's spokesperson said no one there could recall why the items were purchased or why they were reimbursed.

Can you please explain why Mr. Pruitt was reimbursed for them six years after they were purchased?

The records also show him frequently traveling to meet with conservative groups like the Federalist Society, which paid for his travel to two events and to a meeting with Leonard Leo on 1/4/16.

Can you explain what that meeting was about?

The Federalist Society is of course funded by organizations with interests before the EPA now, like Koch Industries.

Mr. Pruitt also traveled to events hosted by Americans for Prosperity, the DeVos family's American Federation for Children, the Faith and Freedom Coalition and Americans United for Life. Some of those trips were fully paid by the AG's office, while others were completely financed by the conservative groups.

Please let us know if you intend to answer our questions or provide comment. My deadline for the story is 3pm Thursday. I can be reached by email or cell at (954) 410-4522.

Thanks,
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Subject: Pruitt on Cabinet Bible study

Hi folks,

I'm following up on the Christian Broadcasting Network's article today where Administrator Pruitt talks about the Cabinet Bible study. There is no explicit mention by Mr. Pruitt of the Bible study in the video clip in the article, so I wanted to confirm independently whether Pruitt does in fact regularly attend Bible study led by Ralph Drollinger of Capitol Ministries.

Also can you explain why the 7 am Wednesday Bible study is not listed on his public calendar on the website?

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Review ASAP

Will get back shortly

Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-8040

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Review ASAP

An alternative if it needed:

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From: Leopold, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Review ASAP

Looking now

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2018, at 9:47 AM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

Matt –

Would like to tweet this from the Admin's account. Wanted to run it by you first.

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Lincoln Ferguson
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
U.S. EPA
(202) 564-1935

Message

From: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2018 2:45:05 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Billy Graham

Feel free to tweak/edit as you want:

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Message

From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/27/2018 6:52:06 PM
To: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Unless Lincoln has thoughts here **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Making sure we all saw this.

From: Emily Holden [mailto:eholden@politico.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Hi—We have reviewed some radio shows that Administrator Pruitt participated in while he was a state senator. They are a six-part series on American government and appeared on Tulsa-based KFAQ and later were posted on his 2010 campaign website. Can you verify that they are legitimate?

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070126055028/http://www.1170kfaq.com:80/qu.html>

In the discussions he:

- Argues evolution is an unproven theory
- Says “the most grievous threat that we have today is this imperialistic judiciary, this judicial monarchy that has it wrong on what the First Amendment’s about and has an objective to create religious sterility in the public square, which is wholly inconsistent with the Founding Fathers’ view.”
- Suggests calling a Constitutional Convention to consider amendments to allow more religious expression in government, define marriage as between a man and a woman, prohibit abortion and remove restrictions on gun access, which he calls a God-given right
- Says that without a change, anarchy and rebellion could come within the next few decades
- Says minority religions are being encouraged while Christianity is discouraged
- Does not disagree with the host that Islam ““is not so much a religion as it is a terrorist organization, in many instances.”

Have any of his views on these topics changed? Would you like to provide comment about how? In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

We would need any comment by around 4 or 5 p.m. Please let me know if you’re working on sending something over. I know this is a lot of info, so please feel free to call if I can elaborate on any points.

Thank you,
Emily

Emily Holden

Reporter, energy/climate

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Message

From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/1/2018 6:34:17 PM
To: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: WLL love from Dems

Should we like/repost?

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WLL love from Dems

Just Moms STL: Video Message from Dawn Chapman and Karen Nickel "We are getting 70% excavation 'plus' we're happy we're hopeful. There's a commitment. We have a direction now. Please remember it's excavation plus."

<https://www.facebook.com/karen.nickel.52/videos/o.508327822519437/10215694121774516/?type=2&theater>

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Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WLL love from Dems

Let's collect these for a "WTAS" tomorrow am

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
Subject: WLL love from Dems

Rep. Clay: "As the first Member of Congress to call for the removal of nuclear waste from West Lake landfill, today's announcement by the EPA of a cleanup is a huge victory for our long-suffering community and it is a major step towards long-delayed environmental justice. As I have said from the beginning, this nuclear waste, which dates back to the Manhattan Project, is a 75-year old problem. The United States government created this waste and we have a responsibility to clean it up. I want to thank EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his leadership in helping reach this decision. And I especially want to salute the courage and sacrifice of Just Moms STL, the Missouri Coalition for the

Environment and the many citizen environmental advocates whose dogged determination and faith have led us to this landmark decision that will keep our community safe.”

Message

From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/17/2018 11:38:28 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: David Brody - Christian Broadcast Network

Brody is confirmed.

On Jan 17, 2018, at 5:30 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Ask them if they can do Jan 31, 10:30AM interview time. He has a meeting in the Alm Room beforehand so if they need to set anything up, they can do so during then.

Hayley Ford

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From: Bowman, Liz

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 5:24 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: David Brody - Christian Broadcast Network

If we can do the 31st (post his testimony and SOTU), that would be great

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2018, at 5:10 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Do we have a 30 minute block (ideally after lunch, that works so well but whenever) for David Brody to interview Scott Pruitt. Maybe January 25, January 26, January 29, or January 31.

Jahan Wilcox

EPA

Strategic Communications Advisor

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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

Message

From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/15/2017 6:42:13 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Friday

Yes, that is correct and yes it is still happening, as he just sent us questions.

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday

Looks like it's Devon Westhill. Dean had originally made the ask.

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday

Yes, there will be an on-the-record interview following, but that name doesn't sound right...

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday

Sure. Just letting you know he's coming from the Museum of the Bible Dedication Ceremony (unless he decides last minute not to attend), so you likely need to meet him there.

Can you confirm if the 12-12:30PM On the Record Interview with Dean Reuter is happening afterwards? I scheduled a 1:15PM lunch for him so just making sure I have timing down.

Thanks!

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From: Bowman, Liz

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:24 PM

To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>

Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>

Subject: Friday

Hayley – Lincoln is out Friday, so can you add James to the list of folks to come with Tate and I to the Fed Society?

Liz Bowman

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Office: 202-564-3293

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/3/2017 4:57:05 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]
Subject: FAN Meeting Monday
Attachments: FAN Memo.docx

Please see attached memo for the Administrator's meeting with FAN on Monday. Should be very positive- they are eager to work with us and I've spent a lot of time with them. Good environmental group to have him meet with.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: Tate
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: Meeting with the Franciscan Action Network
DATE: November 6, 2017

Meeting Background: You are doing a quick introductory meeting with Patrick Carolan, the Executive Director for the Franciscan Network (FAN). OPE has been successfully working with him to find common ground on our issues. While FAN is interested in climate policy, they are more interested in areas where they can work together with you (superfund, abandoned mine lands, helping with a carbon rule rewrite, etc.). They are a very reasonable group of environmentalists that just want to take care of the resources God has blessed us with.

Background: FAN is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Washington DC composed of Franciscan sisters, friars and secular Franciscans. While Catholics make up a majority of FAN, its membership also includes Episcopal, Lutheran, and Ecumenical Franciscan groups. The organization was created to address issues regarding ecology, human rights, poverty, and general peacemaking in the United States.

Suggested Topics:

- Environmental stewardship- taking care of God's resources that he has blessed us with.
- Laudato Si- what the Pope REALLY meant in his Environmental speech (find common ground and protect our resources).
- Plans for new carbon regulations.

Message

From: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/11/2017 12:06:31 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; McMurray, Forrest [mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Draft LxL to edit for PSD

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

No Bible study in the morning

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2017, at 7:14 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

I texted Lincoln asking if he was going to bible study in the morning. Hopefully he can pipe in so that PSD knows the pick-up time. If no bible study, I would say 7:40AM – he has an 8:05 live radio interview so maybe even 7:30.

Thanks!

Hayley Ford

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Message

From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/14/2017 5:52:32 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Thanks for the tweet.

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From: Paul Bedard [mailto:pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Thanks for the tweet.

EPA chief, a former baseball exec, wants 'world, world series'

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-a-former-baseball-exec-wants-world-world-series/article/2631464>

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 1:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

He sold the team when he became AG.

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." (Tulsa World, 01/16/17)

From: Paul Bedard [mailto:pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Thanks for the tweet.

He still co-owns?

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 1:19 PM, Paul Bedard <pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

No, but I'll add. Thanx.

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 1:17 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

You saw this too I assume

<http://whotv.com/2017/08/13/the-insiders-august-13th-edition-batter-up/>

From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:02 PM

To: Paul Bedard <pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Thanks for the tweet.

Yes! Adding Lincoln.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 1:00 PM, Paul Bedard <pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

Hey, I'm doing something on his WHO TV baseball comments. Might u guys have a picture of him with his team or something team related?

On Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 2:37 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Will do and will also flag stuff that might be newsworthy for you. Happy to get coffee, beers or lunch sometime – maybe later next week as Amy can join

From: Paul Bedard [mailto:pbedard@washingtonexaminer.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:35 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Thanks for the tweet.

Good job fighting back and glad to see Team Rubio not shut out. I asked Amy to keep me up on the accomplishments and hope u do to!

On Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 2:19 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Just so you know, I'm over here at the EPA now.

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/24/2017 3:03:16 PM
To: Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Falvo, Nicholas [falvo.nicholas@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Saturday event at WestLake Landfill

Nancy Grantham
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202-564-6879 (desk)
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From: Shantha Ready Alonso <shantha@creationjustice.org>
Date: September 21, 2017 at 4:34:31 PM CDT
To: "newstips@ksdk.com" <newstips@ksdk.com>, "gbissell@ksdk.com" <gbissell@ksdk.com>
Subject: Saturday event at WestLake Landfill

External Email – Be Suspicious of Attachments, Links and Requests for Login Information

Hello,

At 11:30am this Saturday in Bridgeton at John Calvin Presbyterian Church, faith leaders will gather at WestLake Landfill to call attention to the EPA Superfund program and proposals to cut funding for it.

More info at:

<http://www.creationjustice.org/blog/superfund-prayer-tour-in-st-louis-missouri>

Would love a reporter to come and cover it. I will personally be there and can be your contact.

All the best,

Shantha Ready Alonso

Creation Justice Ministries

Personal phone / Ex. 6 - cell

Sent from my thumbs. Please excuse type-os!

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/29/2017 12:21:07 PM
To: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]
CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Chmielewski, Kevin [chmielewski.kevin@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: While I'm in D.C. in November

I did.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 8:04 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

Has anyone responded to Mr. Ingram? If not, I can do so.

Millan Hupp
Director of Scheduling and Advance
Office of the Administrator
Cell: Personal phone / Ex. 6 Email: hupp.millan@epa.gov

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Chmielewski, Kevin <chmielewski.kevin@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: While I'm in D.C. in November

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Ingram <mi@eldoradoholdings.net>
Date: September 27, 2017 at 12:56:10 PM EDT
To: Personal email / Ex. 6
Cc: "Ryan Jackson (jackson.ryan@epa.gov)" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: While I'm in D.C. in November

Scott, would it be OK if I bring Jim Ray to dinner with us November 2nd? As you probably know, Jim is senior advisor to the Secretary of USDOT.

Also, are there any Bible studies that you are a part of that I could go to with you?

Thanks so much. Sorry to miss you while you're in Phoenix October 5 & 6. I'm looking forward to seeing you in November.

Mike

Message

From: Scott Hennen [scotth@flagfamily.com]
Sent: 8/4/2017 7:32:14 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: matt.revtai@flagfamily.com; mnowatzki@nd.gov; lebachmeier@nd.gov; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Wednesday's Interview from 9:00 - 9:28 AM (No Calls)

Thanks Jahan...no problem on calls. We don't do that for many guests...but you're special 😊!

We'd like them to please be in the studio at 9am so we can check levels, etc for the 9:06 start of the interview.

Take care,

SH

On Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 12:48 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott and Matt –

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 AM** for a 20 minute interview with Scott Pruitt and Doug Burgum about the EPA's Accomplishments, our visit to North Dakota, and items that are specific to North Dakota. We kindly ask that you do not take any calls since you will have both Doug and Pruitt in studio. Let me know if there is anything else you need from us.

Jahan

OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. “Politics, baseball and Jesus. That’s what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency.” ([Tulsa World](#), 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration.

“Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump’s inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president’s Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills.” ([The Washington Post](#), 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

WHY ARE WE COMING TO NORTH DAKOTA ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to North Dakota at the request of Governor Doug Burgum. While in North Dakota, he will hold a roundtable on the Waters of the United States Tour at NDSU. Additionally, given that North Dakota is a leader in energy, he will then travel with the Governor to Grand Forks, where Pruitt, Burgum and UND President Mark Kennedy will tour the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center, which will be followed by a roundtable discussion.

Farm groups applaud withdrawal of WOTUS rule. "Farm group leaders were predictably pleased Tuesday with the announcement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has filed an official proposal to withdraw the controversial Waters of the United States rule. "This is good news. There has just been so much uncertainty for growers," said Theresia Gillie, a Hallock, Minn., farmer and president of her state Soybean Growers Association. Daryl Lies, a Douglas farmer and president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau, said the announcement 'is a big deal and a great day for agriculture.'" (Bismarck Tribune, 06/27/17)

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On Aug 4, 2017, at 10:35 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

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Dave –

We are have set aside 10 minutes for a 1x1 interview with you and EPA Administrator Pruitt. This interview will be on **Tuesday, August 8th at 11:30 AM – 11:40 AM** (this is a minor time change). I've also attached a backgrounder on why we are coming to Iowa, accomplishments by this EPA and frequently asked questions and responses. Let me know if you need anything else.

OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...

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WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. “Five of Iowa’s six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s WOTUS rule “an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture,” the five Republicans said it “threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans.” Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. “The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA’s power-grabbing mentality to come to an end,” they added.” ([The Cedar Rapids Gazette](#), 11/22/16)

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Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. ([Iowa Corn Growers](#), 08/19/15)

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Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): “Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa’s farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them.” ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

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BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA ...

Press Release

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Handwritten

Dear Ralph,

Thank you for speaking with me and my staff, we appreciate your fellowship. Thank you also for the thoughtful introduction that you gave me. People like you who show such kindness help keep me motivated to continue serving the American people to the best of my abilities.

I look forward to connecting with you again soon.

Warmest regards,

E. Scott Pruitt

Timothy Head
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Dear Timothy,

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Joy Creasman
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Kathie –

We have set aside 15 minutes for a 1x1 interview with you and EPA Administrator Pruitt. We'd also like to extend this invitation to Donnelle Eller (you can pass that along) and this interview will be on **Tuesday, August 8th at 7:30 AM – 7:45 AM** in the Capitol, Room 15. You can bring a photographer if you would like but no videographer. I've also attached a backgrounder on why we are coming to Iowa, accomplishments by this EPA and frequently asked questions and responses. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are

very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 02/17/17)

WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. "Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS rule "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the five Republicans said it "threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans." Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. "The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA's power-grabbing mentality to come to an end," they added." ([The Cedar Rapids Gazette](#), 11/22/16)

Cattlemen's group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. "The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part." ([Iowa AgriBusiness](#), 08/03/17)

Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. ([Iowa Corn Growers](#), 08/19/15)

WOTUS ...

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.' This proposed rule follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country." ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): "Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa's farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them." ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA): “I am pleased that the Trump administration is taking another important step toward eliminating this burdensome WOTUS rule. In Iowa, 97 percent of the land is subject to extensive overregulation by the EPA and unnecessarily hamstrings our farmers, businesses and manufacturers. All across Iowa, folks are calling for this rule to be scrapped, which is why I have led efforts in the Senate to do just that. This is good news for Iowa and rural communities across the country as we move closer to finally eliminating this overreaching rule.” ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): “This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation’s waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers.” ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

RFS ...

EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation’s fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard “reflects demand for 2018.” It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation’s fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. ‘Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.’ The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress.” ([The Des Moines Register](#), 07/05/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA ...

Press Release

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Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his “Back to Basics Agenda” on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president’s recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

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PARIS ACCORD ...

REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

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From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:31 PM

To: 'Erickson, Jimmy' <jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com>

Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO Radio

Great, thank you! We will see you at 7:20a in the studio -- 625 2nd Ave S Ste 200. Minneapolis, MN

From: Erickson, Jimmy [<mailto:jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO Radio

Would probably work....put a yes down for us next Wednesday. Probably around 7:20 am or so....

Thanks!

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Erickson, Jimmy <jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com>
Subject: FW: EPA & WCCO Radio

Thanks Jimmy. We'd love to have Administrator Pruitt come by to talk about WOTUS, why we are in Minnesota for the day. We kindly ask that you don't take calls but open for questions and we would come to the studio.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:04 PM
To: 'Dave.lee@cbsradio.com' <Dave.lee@cbsradio.com>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO Radio

Hey Dave –

Wanted to follow-up on this as we'd really like to bring Pruitt over to WCCO in the morning if you wanted him for a quick interview.

Jahan

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:32 PM
To: 'Dave.lee@cbsradio.com' <Dave.lee@cbsradio.com>
Subject: EPA & WCCO Radio

Dave -

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work at the EPA for Administrator Scott Pruitt. I grew up listening to your show and think I met your brother in Fargo in 2010 at the radio station there for his weekly financial advice show. Off-the-record, Administrator Pruitt is likely coming to Minnesota on Wednesday, July 19 to meet with Governor Dayton about the Waters of the United States (WOTUS). I was curious if you'd be interested in having Pruitt on your show in 6:30 – 7:00 AM block for 10 minutes. Additionally, you are welcome to ask about anything else regarding the EPA (including accomplishments, the rollback of the Clean Power Plan or the decision to leave the Paris Accord). And we would come to the studio for the interview.

- <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-us-army-move-rescind-2015-waters-us>
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The Hill

September 9, 2014

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/217112-epa-waters-rule-threatens-the-golf-course-industry-says>

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The EPA's proposal has drawn a firestorm of opposition from farmers and agriculture groups that fear the government will soon be policing their lands. Republicans have railed against the rule, calling it a massive land grab.

The House is set to vote on legislation Tuesday that would block the EPA's proposal. The bill is expected to sail to passage, but chances of it reaching the Senate floor are slim.

The EPA has said the proposal would not expand its authority to protect new types of waters that have been exempt in the past.

"We are clarifying protection for the upstream waters that are absolutely vital to downstream communities," EPA chief Gina McCarthy said when the agency announced the regulation.

The National Wildlife Federation, which supports the EPA's move to clarify its authority, says the proposal "specifically excludes many man-made ditches, ponds, and irrigation systems."

The coalition of golf associations, farmers, energy stakeholders and more say the rule should be overturned if the EPA finalizes its proposal without significant changes.

"The golf industry is a leader for water quality and environmental stewardship," said Chava McKeel, associate director for GCSAA. "This proposed rule hinders the golf industry in moving forward toward even stronger best management practices."

The EPA and Army Corps are currently gathering comments from the public on the new standards. That should wrap up in October. The EPA will then work to finalize the proposal by the middle of next year.

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Subject: FW: EPA & WCCO TV

From: Wilcox, Jahan
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Bess –

We are looking forward to coming to WCCO-TV tomorrow morning. Again, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is here as part of his Back-To-Basics Tour where he will specifically talk about the repeal of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, and he will also be meeting with Governor Mark Dayton.

Please let us know if there is anything else you need from us.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Good morning, Jahan!

I'm just circling back to make sure we are good to go for tomorrow morning. If you could send over his bio/accomplishment, that would be perfect!

Thank you,
Bess

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Hey Jahan,

It will be from 6:05 to about 6:10AM.

The address is 90 S 11th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403. We don't have a parking lot, but there is usually plenty of parking right on the street that early in the morning.

When you get here, you'll want to go to the door off Marquette, across from the Hilton Hotel. There's a white button outside the door to buzz security.

Thanks for the opportunity, we are looking forward to having Scott on the show!
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From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Ellenson, Bess L <bl ellenson@wcco.com>
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Yes that will work. How much time are we looking at 6:05 – 6:10 or 6:05 – 6:15a?

Then can I get the address and over the weekend I will put a backgrounder together on things we have accomplished at the EPA and why we are visiting Minnesota.

From: Ellenson, Bess L [<mailto:bl ellenson@wcco.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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Hey Jahan!

Thanks for contacting me! We'd love to have Scott on our show next Wednesday. Would he be available to come in our studio for an interview at 6:05am?

Thank you!
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Sent by Bess Lynn Ellenson

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Bess –

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Off-the-record, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Minnesota next Wednesday and was curious if you/WCCO-TV would like to have him in studio to talk about some Pruitt's goals for the EPA. Specifically speaking, we will be in Minnesota to talk about repealing the Waters of the United States Rules (WOTUS), but you can also ask him other questions including regulatory rollback, why he persuaded President Trump to exit from the Paris Accord, and general environmental questions. This would be an exclusive for WCCO as we would not go in-studio for a similar event with KARE 11 or KSTP.

<http://www.minnesotaagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1327&yr=2017>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Pruitt

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/04/epas-pruitt-says-leaving-paris-accord-is-about-jobs-not-politics.html>

Additionally, I'm from Minnesota as well and very familiar with WCCO.

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From: Jim Bohnsack [JBOHNSACK@arvest.com]
Sent: 8/8/2017 8:22:42 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
CC: caleb@bartlesvilleradio.com; Kevin Potter [kevin@bartlesvilleradio.com]
Subject: Bartlesville

Mr. Ferguson,

My name is Jim Bohnsack (Executive Vice President of Arvest Bank) in Bartlesville. Kevin and Caleb Potter introduced me to you at the radio station a few days ago while you were visiting with Secretary Pruitt. It was a pleasure to meet you and to talk with Scott again. When Secretary Pruitt was running for Oklahoma Attorney General he visited our Friday Forum and very much impressed the audience. I invited him to our Men's Bible Study at Sterling's Grille. He enjoyed our group and he asked me if he could lead the group sometime. I promised him that I would make it happen! A lot has transpired since that day, yet I know that Scott would still enjoy talking with our friendly Forum again and having the opportunity to teach our Bible Study.

If you remember, at the Radio Station, Scott asked you, me and Kevin Potter to "make it happen". The Friday Forum is located at our Eastside Location on Adams Road and meets at 10:00 a.m. every Friday. Bible Study begins around noon at Sterling's on Frank Phillips. Ferguson, what may I do to help make this happen? Please feel free all me anytime at 918-914-3742. I look forward to hearing from you.

James m. Bohnsack
Executive Vice president
Arvest Bank
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

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To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
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From: Bowman, Liz
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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Sent: 6/8/2018 9:47:16 PM
To: Seabaugh, Catherine [seabaugh.catherine@epa.gov]
CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Kunding, Kelly [kunding.kelly@epa.gov]
Subject: Faith and Freedom thank yous

Ralph Reed

Faith and Freedom Coalition
PO Box 957736
Duluth, GA 30095

Handwritten

Thank him for inviting us to speak and for the fellowship. Thank him specifically for the thoughtful introduction.

Timothy Head

Faith and Freedom Coalition

Thank him for his efforts in coordinating a wonderful platform in which the Administrator could discuss religious liberty and our work at the EPA. Thank him for the invitation and let him know that we hope to participate again in the future.

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Joy Creasman

Faith and Freedom Coalition

Let Joy know it was a pleasure to see her again and that she is a blessing to him. Let her know we were so glad to be back speaking on the topic of religious liberty and our work at the EPA. Let her know we hope we can participate again in the future.

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Millan Hupp
Director of Scheduling and Advance
Office of the Administrator
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Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/16/2017 2:33:51 AM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron [brown.byron@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for meeting with us on Tuesday

Nice email...

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elizabeth Green [Personal Email / Ex. 6] >
Date: June 15, 2017 at 9:48:01 PM EDT
To: konkus.john@epa.gov
Cc: [Citizen Name / Ex. 6] [Personal Email / Ex. 6], Trisha Sheehan Mom for Clean Air <tsheehan@momscleanairforce.org>, Molly Rauch [Personal Email / Ex. 6], Terry McGuire <tmcguire@earthjustice.org>
Subject: Thank you for meeting with us on Tuesday

Mr. John Konkus,

Thank you for meeting with Moms Clean Air Force-Maryland members this past Tuesday, June 13th. We were part of the group that included public health physicians, faith leaders and other concerned moms that talked about our concerns about air quality. We really appreciate your time.

On our trip from Baltimore Penn Station to Union Station, we met many Americans who voiced their support of clean air. Everyone we met along the way was happy to hear that we were speaking up on this issue and that the EPA agreed to meet with us. Americans know that we all need clean air!

As we discussed, air quality is important especially on hot days. In our 21093 zip code on Tuesday, the EPA AirNow Air Quality Index indicated the Ozone level ended up going up to 190 - "Unhealthy for Everyone". <https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi>. Our kids need clean air when they spend more time outside this summer.

We appreciate all the work that the EPA has done to protect the health and safety of Americans. We look forward to the EPA enforcing the Clean Air Act and implementation of 2015 Ozone Standards. This will show the American public and the international community that America's leadership will continue to protect every American's basic right to breathe clean air.

We attached photos below from our visit.

Thank you again for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

[Citizen Name / Ex. 6]

[Personal Address / Ex. 6]

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Sent: 6/9/2017 5:57:11 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Ahead of G7 Environment Ministers Meeting, Christian groups call upon the US and other governments to care for the creation

Yes.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:17 PM, Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov> wrote:

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> RJ - do you remember Father Sirico who testified at our moral case for FF hearing (with Alex Epstein and General Scales).
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> Sent from my iPhone

>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 6:51 PM, Nishida, Jane <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov> wrote:

>> Heads up!

>> Sent from my iPhone

>> Begin forwarded message:

>> From: "Finman, Hodayah" <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov<mailto:Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov>>

>> Date: June 9, 2017 at 6:42:14 PM GMT+2

>> To: "Phillips, Anna" <Phillips.Anna@epa.gov<mailto:Phillips.Anna@epa.gov>>, "Nishida, Jane" <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov<mailto:Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>>

>> Cc: "Kasman, Mark" <Kasman.Mark@epa.gov<mailto:Kasman.Mark@epa.gov>>, "Besch, Brianna"

>> <besch.brianna@epa.gov<mailto:besch.brianna@epa.gov>>, "Rourk, Alexis"

>> <Rourk.Alexis@epa.gov<mailto:Rourk.Alexis@epa.gov>>, "Doroski, Brenda"

>> <Doroski.Brenda@epa.gov<mailto:Doroski.Brenda@epa.gov>>, "De Mars, Caron E"

>> <demarscel@state.gov<mailto:demarscel@state.gov>>, Federica Signoretti

>> <signoret@state.gov<mailto:signoret@state.gov>>

>> Subject: Re: Ahead of G7 Environment Ministers Meeting, Christian groups call upon the US and other governments to care for the creation

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>> Flagging that Italy is offering them a few minutes during the opening session of the G7 meeting to make remarks. Could be problematic if they single out one country.

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>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 6:35 PM, "Phillips, Anna" <Phillips.Anna@epa.gov<mailto:Phillips.Anna@epa.gov>> wrote:

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>> <http://actalliance.org/act-news/ahead-of-g7-environment-ministers-meeting-christian-groups-call-upon-the-us-and-other-governments-to-care-for-the-creation/>

>> Ahead of G7 Environment Ministers Meeting, Christian groups call upon the US and other governments to care for the creation

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>> BOLOGNA, Italy. On Friday the 9th of June, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist leaders will meet for an Interfaith Forum on Environmental Protection, with an aim to agree on a Charter of Values and Actions, to be delivered to the ministers attending the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting on the 11th - 12th of June.

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>> Climate change is an important topic for many religions. This was stressed in a global statement<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/DanaInfo=.aadvdppqohvlok04u+COP21_Statement_englisch2.pdf> made by more than 150 faith and spiritual leaders in the run up to the Paris climate summit in 2015.

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>> "Many religions share a belief that humanity has an important task, to care for creation. However, when we look around us today, we are concerned. Our current way of living is not sustainable. We must change our way of living and enter a new and sustainable development path," says Mattias Söderberg, representing the ACT Alliance in the Forum.

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>> "When earth was created there were no countries, no borders. The responsibility to take action is also without border. All countries, all people, have a responsibility to take action," says Gianfranco Cattai, President of Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV).

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>> Éamonn Meehan, President of Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE), says, "Those most affected by climate change are those who have done the least to contribute to it, which is an inherent injustice. There is a moral imperative for G7 countries to recognise and take responsibility for the global damage they have caused through their carbon emissions. Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time and if world leaders, including the U.S. don't begin to care for creation and see that the Earth is for all, then there will be little left for future generations to enjoy."

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>> Cecilia Dall'Oglio, representing the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GGCM) at the Forum, comments, "Christians worldwide are responding by coming together in unity to care for creation in prayer and action as announced on the occasion of World Environment Day. A new wave of climate action during the new edition of the Season of Creation will be running from September 1 to October 4, uniting the 2.2 billion members of the Christian family to care for creation. Besides local action in grassroots communities, Christians will also engage in advocacy initiatives such as a new Joint Christian Divestment Announcement on October 4." To date, 27 Catholic institutions have already divested from fossil fuels. The convening organizations who are leading the Season of Creation promotion efforts are: World Council of Churches<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.awxyCsnqv2voyqM26w,SSL+en>>, Anglican Communion Environmental Network<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.aadgqDftntm1zp212.5188V.D5+>>, Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/en/,DanaInfo=.awxyCeuslrIy2s+>> (Apostleship of Prayer), the Global Catholic Climate Movement<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.acbvksqojkusxm6s14Aw5y8DW4-C22C,SSL+>>, and ACT Alliance<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.aadvdpqohv1ok04u+>>.

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>> The G7 Meeting is a major international event, especially for the new head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, who can expect a lot of critique following the US decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

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>> Faith representatives, preparing for the Interfaith Forum, express their deep concern about the US decision. "To care for creation, is a moral and ethical responsibility. We cannot treat creation with disrespect, and we must develop a sustainable way of living. I therefore call on the US to reconsider the decision to leave the Paris Agreement," says Mattias Söderberg.

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>> He continues, "I welcome how most world leaders, including six of the G7 countries, as well as cities, states and corporations in the US, have reconfirmed their commitments to take action on the Paris Agreement."

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/8/2018 2:53:07 PM
To: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt speech fact questions

Sure I'll talk to Falvo about the second.

From: Daniell, Kelsi
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pruitt speech fact questions

Mike- can you work on this one?

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Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
Date: June 8, 2018 at 9:44:42 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt speech fact questions

Hi all,

I'm writing about the administrator's remarks at the Faith and Freedom Coalition and was hoping you could provide backup data for these specific facts he mentioned:

"Air quality is better in this country since the Trump administration came into office. Ten percent better on ozone under this administration."

"This year we will see as many as ten times the number of sites cleaned up under this administration than what existed with the Obama administration in one year."

Also, a follow-up question to those: Ozone reductions are likely due in large part to the Obama administration's ozone rule, which EPA is currently implementing. And Superfund clean-ups take many years to complete, which means anything being finished now almost certainly was begun under the Obama administration. How then are the accomplishments the administrator mentioned not creditable to Obama-era actions?

Thank you,

Alex Guillén
Energy Reporter
POLITICO *Pro*

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Message

From: E. Calvin Beisner [Calvin@cornwallalliance.org]
Sent: 5/18/2017 1:10:13 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Advancing Administrator Pruitt's priorities

Hello, Lincoln. [Citizen Name / Ex. 6] who met you on a flight from Colorado Springs to Houston, encouraged me to be in touch with you. I lead the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, a network of about 65 scholars (scientists [including top climate scientists like Roy Spencer and David Legates], economists, and theologians) promoting Biblical earth stewardship, economic development for the poor, and the gospel of Christ. We believe free markets and access to abundant, affordable, reliable energy, primarily from fossil fuels, are indispensable to lifting and keeping whole societies out of poverty and to preserving American liberty and prosperity, and that the climate alarmist movement is a major threat to all of these goals.

We would be glad to help Administrator Pruitt to pursue his goals of freeing the American energy sector from overregulation and the American people from the unjustified and harmful costs of energy policies driven by scientifically invalidated fears of dangerous global warming. Getting America out of the Paris climate agreement and the UNFCCC is crucial to those goals, and we are well equipped to inform the public and policy makers of the excellent reasons for doing so. Reversing the CO2 endangerment finding is extremely important to preventing endless lawsuits by Leftist environmental organizations designed to force EPA to continue and expand efforts begun under the Obama Administration to force rapid transition from abundant, affordable, reliable fossil fuels to diffuse, expensive, unreliable wind and solar. We can help make the case, to legislators, agency leaders, and the public, for doing so.

We have extensive networks with evangelicals and conservatives interested in these issues. We also have hundreds of articles and six major papers on our website and several videos that communicate these messages.

I met yesterday with Mandy Gunasekara, and we discussed some ways we can help achieve Mr. Pruitt's goals. Please let me know any way we can be helpful to you. I'm in town until midday tomorrow and would be pleased to meet you if you have a time slot available before I have to be at DCA by 1 pm.

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D.
Founder and National Spokesman
Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation
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Message

From: Ex. 7(e)
Sent: 4/11/2017 10:58:07 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney [hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
CC: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Caldwell, James [Caldwell.James@epa.gov]; Smith, Chris-L [Smith.Chris-L@epa.gov]; Vance, Eric [Vance.Eric@epa.gov]; Taylor, Brian [Taylor.Brian@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wagner, Kenneth [wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Horner, Lynnette [Horner.Lynnette@epa.gov]; Hale, Michelle [hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Willis, Sharnett [Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov]; Davis, Gail [Davis.Gail@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: April 12 - 17 L x L

The NY agents will support us and I'll go up with the General.

V/r,

Ex. 7(e) Acting Special Agent in Charge
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
Protective Service Detail |

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On Apr 11, 2017, at 6:56 PM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI PSD, he DOES want to do bible study in the morning. Usual time. He just told me on the way out the door.

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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From: Hupp, Millan

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; **Ex. 7(e)**; Caldwell, James

<Caldwell.James@epa.gov>; Smith, Chris-L <Smith.Chris-L@epa.gov>; Vance, Eric

<Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Taylor, Brian <Taylor.Brian@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>;

Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy

<graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz

<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Horner, Lynnette <Horner.Lynnette@epa.gov>

Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Willis, Sharnett

<Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>; Davis, Gail <Davis.Gail@epa.gov>

Subject: April 12 - 17 L x L

Alrighty team – here is what we have through Monday, April 17. A lot of changes occurred over the last few hours so please take note, especially PSD.

JP and Lincoln – he wants you to remain on your current NY flights and has asked that Sam or Ryan join him in NY in the morning.

This is similar to what I will be providing him but his will have more detail on the events and less detail regarding logistics.

I am happy to make any necessary edits/additions – just let me know. ☺

Millan Hupp

Office of the Administrator – Advance

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From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2017 5:09:28 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: reporter on deadline

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: reporter on deadline

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: reporter on deadline

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

From: Freire, JP
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: reporter on deadline

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J.P. Freire
Environmental Protection Agency
Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
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On May 3, 2017, at 12:55 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: reporter on deadline

Hi,

I am going to be working on an article for tomorrow about the Bible study groups a number of Cabinet secretaries are participating in every Wednesday including Administrator Pruitt. I am looking for a comment from EPA about his participation in this group and some more detail about the participants and the Bible study itself.

My deadline is today at 5 pm Eastern. You can also reach me at 413-687-1789.

Niina Heikkinen
E&E News reporter

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Message

From: Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/5/2017 6:44:33 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: URGENT Draft Presidential Proclamation Request: Earth Day, 2017

This is exciting! Thanks Nancy! We'll work on it!

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: URGENT Draft Presidential Proclamation Request: Earth Day, 2017

All – Attached is a request to the Administrator from EOP/OMB for a Presidential Earth Day Proclamation. The agency gets this request every year. You will not that the due date is April 11 – OCIR – as they work with OMB to get it in the system.

We have attached last year's proclamation below.

I checked on who drafted it in OPA last year and it was the speechwriting office.

Please let me know how you want to proceed; I am happy to shepherd through the system once we have an approved draft.

Thanks ng

From: Janifer, Pamela
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Harwood, Jackie <Harwood.Jackie@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT Draft Proclamation Request: Earth Day, 2017

Good Morning Jackie,

See attached letter from Matthew Vaeth requesting an urgent draft of the subject proclamation. Note the due date of April 12th. OCIR will need by April 11th for review and clearance.

My apologizes for the short turnaround. OMB has asked EPA to bear with them during this transition period. They understand the due date is shorter than normal, and hope to be on a regular schedule soon.

Thank you.

Forty-six years ago today, more than twenty million Americans came together to call for an end to uncontrolled pollution and to celebrate Earth's beauty and bounty. Students, workers, professors and scientists took to the nation's streets and parks to call for action to protect our air and water.

This year's Earth Day is especially significant, as nations will come together on April 22nd in New York to officially sign the first-ever global climate agreement reached in Paris last year. Under the Paris Agreement, countries pledge to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius at most, and to pursue efforts to keep it below 1.5 degrees Celsius. Science tells us these levels will help prevent some of the most devastating impacts of climate change, including more frequent and extreme droughts, storms, fires, and floods, as well as catastrophic sea level rise. This agreement applies to all countries, sets meaningful accountability and reporting requirements, and brings countries back to the table every five years to grow their commitments as markets change and technologies improve. It also provides financing mechanisms so developing economies can move forward using clean energy.

Key to reaching the Paris Agreement was principled American leadership. Over the past decade, the United States has cut more carbon pollution than any other nation on Earth. With the leadership of the United States and other major economies, the world's countries came together to protect the one planet we've got.

People in every country are feeling the effects of climate change today in the form of more frequent and extreme storms, droughts, fires, and floods. The costs of more severe weather disasters can be measured in lost lives and livelihoods and in billions of dollars of emergency services. Farmers in regions around the world are struggling to feed their families, and our children and vulnerable populations are experiencing a range of climate-related health effects.

That is why Pope Francis and other faith leaders around the world have spoken about our moral obligation to act. My Administration has taken a series of ambitious steps to combat climate change and protect our planet for our children and grandchildren. As part of my Climate Action Plan, we have finalized the first-ever carbon pollution limits for power plants. We have partnered with communities to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate that we can no longer avoid. And I have protected more than XXX million additional acres of public lands and waters, safeguarding the natural bounty of our planet for ages to come.

Since I took office, the United States generates 3 times more wind power, while solar energy has grown 30-fold. We are doubling the distance our cars go on a gallon of gas by the middle of the next decade. Developments in safe and responsible domestic oil and gas production, along with advancements in renewables like wind and solar, have reduced America's dependence on foreign oil to its lowest point in more than 20 years. And jobs in renewables are growing faster than the economy as a whole.

Our nation's transition to a clean energy economy is well underway. And we have seen firsthand that acting on climate is not only the right thing to do; increasingly, it is the profitable thing to do. The United States and the world have sent a clear signal that a low-carbon future is inevitable. Hundreds of major U.S. companies have signed the White House American Business Act on Climate Pledge. Climate impacts threaten companies' bottom lines, while investing in a low-carbon future is an unprecedented business opportunity.

There is much more work to do. As we mark forty-six years since the first Earth Day, let us renew the commitment of those millions of Americans who came together to build a cleaner, healthier, brighter future. Let us be driven by the same knowledge that the health, security, and prosperity of future generations depends upon our choices today. Let us unite to defend and preserve the planet we call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016, as Earth Day. I encourage all Americans to participate in programs and activities that will protect our environment and contribute to a healthy, sustainable future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

Message

From: Robert Fredericks [rfredericks@nypost.com]
Sent: 6/6/2018 8:23:25 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Jahan Wilcox

Afternoon,

Why did Jahan Wilcox tell a female reporter who was doing her job and working on an accurate story that she was "a piece of trash?"

Does Mr. Pruitt, an avowed Christian, believe this behavior is acceptable?

Does the EPA have a response and/or statement?

Appreciate your help.

Bob Fredericks
Senior Writer
212-930-8585



Message

From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2018 6:41:26 PM
To: Friedman, Lisa [lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: request for comment re: the EPA Challenge Coin

“Administrator Pruitt does not have a challenge coin, but while we’re on the subject, President Obama’s Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tammy Duckworth spent taxpayers dollars on challenge coins.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND ...

Barack Obama’s Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs and current U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth spent \$2,100 on challenge coins. “A Chicago Tribune review of other spending records from Duckworth's tenure found a \$2,100 expenditure on "china with the VA logo" and a \$1,875 expenditure on "so-called 'challenge coins' with the VA logo on one side and her name on the other.” ([The Washington Examiner](#), 10/27/16)

From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:14 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: request for comment re: the EPA Challenge Coin

Hello,

We're going to report a story this afternoon about EPA's "challenge coin." The facts that will appear in our story will include the following:

That Mr. Pruitt did not want the EPA logo to appear on the coin; that EPA staffers, including Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, urged him to put the EPA logo on the coin; that Mr. Pruitt told staff members he believed the EPA logo looks like a marijuana leaf and thus wanted it removed or made smaller on notepads, pens and other items; that Mr. Pruitt wanted an image of a buffalo on the coin; and that the coins were printed and distributed with a buffalo on it.

Here are our questions:

- Did Mr. Pruitt omit the EPA seal from the coin because he thought it looked like a marijuana leaf?
- Did he put the buffalo on the coin because it was from Oklahoma and thus represented him?
- Did he ask for a bible quote to be written on the seal?
- Did he ask for the presidential seal to be emblazoned on the seal?
- The vendor and total price of the coin order

Thanks so much for your response, our deadline is 4:30 p.m.

Best,
Lisa

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Lisa Friedman
Reporter, New York Times
(202) 862-0306 office
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Message

From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/27/2018 4:16:29 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt on Cabinet Bible study

Will handle.

From: Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt on Cabinet Bible study

Hi folks,

I'm following up on the Christian Broadcasting Network's article today where Administrator Pruitt talks about the Cabinet Bible study. There is no explicit mention by Mr. Pruitt of the Bible study in the video clip in the article, so I wanted to confirm independently whether Pruitt does in fact regularly attend Bible study led by Ralph Drollinger of Capitol Ministries.

Also can you explain why the 7 am Wednesday Bible study is not listed on his public calendar on the website?

Thanks!

Niina

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Message

From: Jenkins, Jack [jack.jenkins@religionnews.com]
Sent: 3/2/2018 2:47:13 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Interview on faith with Administrator Pruitt?

Just following up on this.

Hope you're well!

Jack Jenkins
National Reporter, Religion News Service
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From: Jenkins, Jack
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 1:16:40 PM
To: press@epa.gov
Subject: Interview on faith with Administrator Pruitt?

EPA Press,

Hello! This is Jack Jenkins, National Reporter with the Religion News Service.

Long story short: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's faith has been discussed often in recent months, but there have been relatively few in-depth interviews with him allowing him to talk about it at length.

As such: would it be possible to schedule an RNS interview with Administrator Pruitt to discuss how his Christian faith impacts his life and his work in the federal government? We're especially interested in how he articulates his faith, how he sees himself acting it out in his work, etc.

Thanks so much, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Message

From: Emily Holden [eholden@politico.com]
Sent: 2/27/2018 7:56:19 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

So you have no further comment on the interviews or whether his faith informs his views of science?

And, no, I never weighed in on whether a Christian or person of any other faith should be an EPA administrator.

Emily Holden
Reporter, energy/climate
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From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Comment on Pruitt radio shows? On deadline for 4

Q: In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

"If you're insinuating that a Christian should not serve in capacity as EPA Administrator, that is offensive and a question that does not warrant any further attention." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Have any of his views on these topics changed? Would you like to provide comment about how? In particular, do you think his belief in creationism could conflict with the agency's mandate to make science-based decisions?

We would need any comment by around 4 or 5 p.m. Please let me know if you're working on sending something over. I know this is a lot of info, so please feel free to call if I can elaborate on any points.

Thank you,
Emily

Emily Holden
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Message

From: Jack Jenkins (TP) [jjenkins@thinkprogress.org]
Sent: 10/9/2017 4:52:16 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Press Inquiry: faith advisers

EPA Press Office,

Hello! This is Jack Jenkins, Senior Religion Reporter with ThinkProgress, a publication out of Washington, D.C.

Long story short: I'm working on a story about how the Trump administration is shifting away from Obama-era style of religious advisement. We spoke with presidential faith adviser Johnnie Moore, who said that all (or at least most) cabinet members have their own informal faith (especially evangelical) advisors similar to President Trump's own circle of informal faith advisors.

As such, two questions:

1. Is that true for Secretary Pruitt? If so, who does he look to for advice on faith matters?
2. Moore argued that knowledge of faith issues is more "baked in" to the federal government under Trump. Does the EPA hold the same position?

My deadline is tomorrow at 8:00AM.

Thanks so much, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Jack Jenkins
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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/17/2017 3:14:20 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ralph Drollinger and climate change / Inquiry from a reporter

Yeah we'll take it from here.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Ralph Drollinger and climate change / Inquiry from a reporter

Amy/Michael, you will manage, right?

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"The root of all joy is gratefulness."

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Brendan O'Connor" <brendan.oconnor@gizmodomedia.com>
Date: July 17, 2017 at 11:06:34 AM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>, "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
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Thanks Enesta!

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 10:41 AM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brendan,

Please email your specific questions.

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/2/2017 7:09:53 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - AWPS News (Kris Anderson) Remote Water Monitoring. DEADLINE - Overdue

Good to send.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW - AWPS News (Kris Anderson) Remote Water Monitoring. DEADLINE - Overdue

BACKGROUND

The outlet looks like a citizen journalist online presence rather than like a commercial news venture. The responses – mostly from ORD – are lengthy, but seek to address the reporter’s detailed questions – Kris Anders – AWPS News –

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Cc: Dennis, Allison <dennis.allison@epa.gov>
Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY - AWPS News. Remote Water Monitoring. DDL: 6/2/17 @ 1 PM

Deadline: 6/2/17 @ 1 PM

Outlet: A.W.P.S. News

Reporter: Kris Anderson

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Context:

Reporter is interested in getting a sense of where things are at this time. She'd like to connect this line of questioning up with a story on the "DIGITAL COAST ACT" which passed the Senate on a unanimous vote last week.

Her short piece: <https://www.facebook.com/AWPSNews/posts/1885283685076507>

Reporter Questions:

1. Is there a program area devoted to supporting the quality of water bodies, rivers and streams, seas, and the quality of other environmental assets, using remote monitoring technology? If so, what environmental areas are covered (generally speaking) and is the information made available to the public on a wide basis? If so, is the information made available on short delay, post collection, or immediately? Is there an international effort to collect monitoring information and make that available to the public on short delay or real time? Is there an effort to integrate these collection efforts and monitoring information globally, for the public to view - emphasizing for the general public, via immediate viewing, the global nature of these issues?
2. Locally- can communities request monitoring for environmental asset quality? If so, what is that program like and how successful has it been across all income levels? Broken down into different income levels and by areas of racial concentration? Where does the data from community environmental monitoring reside and how can the public access, understand and take action to guard environmental quality, push to address issues and advocate for themselves and their locality, their region, based on this data?
3. Is there overarching policy guidance in place to guide these efforts? If so please reference the specifics and how press and the general public might view this guidance. What is the president's budget/ Secretary's proposal for the resources necessary to monitor the quality of the country's environmental assets? Is there enough to provide necessary monitoring for at least the nation's critical environmental resources? How are 'critical national environmental resources' defined within policy directives?
4. Is there a youth corps or similar organization reaching out to youth to involve them in the science of monitoring environmental quality - with their given senses and/or with technology? If so, is this program structured to include a mentoring path so youth with an interest in the environment can find motivation for academics and a possible career path along the way? Is there a branch that hooks up tech and robotics club folks interested in the environment with possibly scientists and technologists, engineers in related areas like NASA's space program to remotely collect and analyze planetary data? Is there an international component of the program to introduce American youth to those from overseas who are also motivated to monitor and protect their country's, their region's natural assets- including biodiversity, soil, water, air and social/ livability health of cities, towns, other social spaces?

If so, if such program(s) exist, what is the budget outlook? What are the touchstone descriptors of program characteristics and what is the 5-year, 10-year plan going forward? Are their corporate sponsors as well as government agency sponsors? How are these programs evaluated for gradual, healthy evolution and learning across the spectrum of all participants' goals?

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/19/2017 7:28:48 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Ralph Drollinger and climate change / Inquiry from a reporter

No acknowledgment.

Enesta Jones

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From: Brendan O'Connor [mailto:brendan.oconnor@gizmodomedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Ralph Drollinger and climate change / Inquiry from a reporter

Hi Enesta. Just writing to let you know that if I don't hear back from you before publication, I am going to interpret that to mean that the EPA is declining to comment. Thanks.

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Message

From: Alex Guillen [aguillen@politico.com]
Sent: 6/8/2018 3:08:19 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt speech fact questions

Thanks Michael, I was able to include this in the item.

From: Abboud, Michael [mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt speech fact questions

Hey Alex, working on question two right now. But this should answer the first question.

The Administrator was using the information from our May 1st press release ["EPA, Working with States and Tribes, Takes Next Steps on 2015 Ozone Designations"](#)

Specifically this below:

Compared to designations issued in 2012 for the 2008 standards, there are more than 10 percent fewer counties being designated "nonattainment" for the more stringent 2015 standard. Ozone levels have dropped by more than 20 percent since 1990. Emissions of ozone precursors have fallen even more dramatically since 2000, with nitrogen oxide emissions down more than 50 percent and volatile organic compound emissions down more than 20 percent.

From: Alex Guillen [mailto:aguillen@politico.com]
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt speech fact questions

Hi all,

I'm writing about the administrator's remarks at the Faith and Freedom Coalition and was hoping you could provide backup data for these specific facts he mentioned:

"Air quality is better in this country since the Trump administration came into office. Ten percent better on ozone under this administration."

"This year we will see as many as ten times the number of sites cleaned up under this administration than what existed with the Obama administration in one year."

Also, a follow-up question to those: Ozone reductions are likely due in large part to the Obama administration's ozone rule, which EPA is currently implementing. And Superfund clean-ups take many years to complete, which means anything being finished now almost certainly was begun under the Obama administration. How then are the accomplishments the administrator mentioned not creditable to Obama-era actions?

Thank you,

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Energy Reporter

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Message

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Sent: 7/25/2017 2:31:29 PM
To: Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Healthy places

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From: Dravis, Samantha
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Healthy places

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Lincoln, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** ?

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<http://www.wearewvproud.com/story/27908695/fruits-of-labor-growing-seeds-of-recovery>

From: Bowman, Liz
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To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Oh good; thanks for suggesting. Good news, hopefully?

From: Dravis, Samantha
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He did it and he did great. A woman who runs a faith-based initiative in West Virginia helping recovering addicts was there and showed him a video about her program, and he loved it.

Eric has the photos.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:23 AM
To: Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Healthy places

My understanding is that these healthy places are specific communities around the country that will be presenting today at EPA. If that is the case

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Just a thought!

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
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Sent: 5/3/2017 4:58:37 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: reporter on deadline

No response.

From: Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: reporter on deadline

Hi,

I am going to be working on an article for tomorrow about the Bible study groups a number of Cabinet secretaries are participating in every Wednesday including Administrator Pruitt. I am looking for a comment from EPA about his participation in this group and some more detail about the participants and the Bible study itself.

My deadline is today at 5 pm Eastern. You can also reach me at [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy](#)

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: February 27, 2018 at 1:54:05 PM EST
To: "Daniell, Kelsi" <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>
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Making sure we all saw this.

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Sent: 2/6/2018 8:58:01 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: CBN Studio, 1919 M St NW, WDC
Start: 2/7/2018 6:45:00 PM
End: 2/7/2018 7:15:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)

Appointment

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Sent: 2/2/2018 4:54:42 AM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Pre-Brief: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: Administrator's Office

Start: 2/7/2018 6:45:00 PM
End: 2/7/2018 7:00:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Appointment

From: Ferguson, Lincoln [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=08CD7F82606244DE96B61B96681C46DE-FERGUSON, L]
Sent: 2/2/2018 4:54:42 AM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: Administrator's Office

Start: 2/7/2018 7:00:00 PM
End: 2/7/2018 7:20:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Appointment

From: Ferguson, Lincoln [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=08CD7F82606244DE96B61B96681C46DE-FERGUSON, L]
Sent: 1/17/2018 11:22:20 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: HOLD: Interview: David Brody, Christian Broadcast Network
Location: Administrator's Office

Start: 1/31/2018 3:30:00 PM
End: 1/31/2018 4:00:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2018 7:01:52 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

No problem. Thanks, Hayley.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:23 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Brittany/Mandy,

The below group of interfaith leaders will be coming in on Friday at 2:30PM to meet with the Administrator. He has met with Patrick Carolan previously, head of the Franciscan Action Network, and we've also previously met with Fr. Michael Lasky of the Franciscan Friars. This group is very involved in environmental issues and while has some differences with us regarding climate change action and environmental regulation, has been very interested in having productive dialogue on these topics and has shown a deep interest in working together on certain initiatives of the Administrator, such as action on lead.

I'm going to send both of you the invite for this meeting. I think it'd be good to have you there Brittany, as environmental justice is a big issue for them, as well as you Mandy to talk to air issues. Happy to discuss more offline.

Thanks!

Hayley Ford

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From: "Fr. Michael Lasky" <jpic@olaprovince.org>

Date: April 2, 2018 at 6:01:25 PM EDT

To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Cc: Patrick Carolan <pcarolan@franciscanaction.org>

Subject: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

Hi Tate,

We are all more than willing to come to meet with the Administrator, as you suggested, on Friday 13 April (after 2 PM).

As I mentioned in an earlier message, 2:30 PM would work well for us.

Can you please confirm if this meeting will be a go? I need to let folks know so they can make appropriate travel arrangements.

This confirmed list shows 12 of us attending. This includes all of the presenters, two representatives from co-sponsors, and two friars.

Ms. Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries

Ms. Cassandra Carmichael – Executive Director, National Religious Partnership for the Environment

Mr. Patrick Carolan – Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network

Mr. Avery Davis - Program Manager at Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb – Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation

Mr. Christopher Fici – Union Theological Seminary and Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus

Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv. - Director of the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD (Host of the Forum and Symposium)

Rev. Mitch Hescox – President/CEO, Evangelical Environmental Network

Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM Conv. - Director of Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Ministry for the Franciscan Friars

Ms. Ruth Ivory-Moore – Program Director, Environment & Energy, Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mr. Munjed Murad - Doctoral Student at Harvard Divinity School/Islamic & Christian Studies

Ms. Sara Wolcott – Quaker, Creative Director of Sequoia Samanvaya

Hope you are having a good Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Friar Michael Lasky, OFM Conv.
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Message

From: Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/26/2017 4:26:11 PM
To: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin [schwab.justin@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: NSPS Press Request

Hey Amy, yep we sent OMB a proposed 2-year delay of the rule on Tuesday. That is public knowledge (posted on OMB website).

Sent from my iPhone

On May 26, 2017, at 12:18 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Brittney – Have we taken any action on oil and gas NSPS yet? I've gotten a request for comment in response to the letter referenced below.

E&E News

<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2017/05/26/stories/1060055205>

Groups warn EPA against pausing oil and gas standards

By Ellen Glimer 5/26/17

A coalition of environmental groups is urging the Trump administration to maintain upcoming deadlines for oil and gas operators to cut emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

More than 60 conservation, health, labor and faith groups yesterday sent a letter to U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt urging him to keep in place Obama-era standards that require oil and gas companies to address methane leaks from new and modified sources.

EPA is currently reviewing the New Source Performance Standards as part of a broad reconsideration of several Obama administration rules. Pruitt wrote a letter to industry last month promising to postpone a June 3 deadline for the methane rule.

The agency is expected to formalize that pledge as soon as today. Environmental groups are likely to challenge that action in court.

The advocacy groups signing on to yesterday's letter argue that postponing the compliance deadlines will harm the climate, taxpayers and communities near oil and gas facilities.

"This stay will increase health risks for numerous Americans living in close proximity to wells and other facilities, which will emit significant amounts of additional hazardous and smog-forming pollution that would otherwise have been reduced," the groups wrote. "The stay will also add thousands of tons of methane, a highly potent greenhouse gas, to an atmosphere already overburdened with heat-trapping pollutants.

"Further," they added, "the stay will cause the waste of substantial volumes of valuable natural gas."

Opponents who took the Obama administration to court over the standards have denounced the rule as expensive and duplicative of existing state and industry efforts to reduce methane emissions. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit recently paused the litigation while the Trump administration rethinks the rule.

"American businesses should have the opportunity to review new requirements, assess economic impacts and report back, before those new requirements are finalized," Pruitt told industry last month ([Greenwire](#), April 19).

The environmental coalition pushed back yesterday, saying that oil and gas companies would incur "expenditures that represent a tiny fraction of these companies' tens of billions of dollars in annual revenues."

The letter's signatories include the Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund and many other national groups, as well as local organizations including PennFuture, the Ohio Environmental Council and the Wyoming Outdoor Council.

Several health, labor and faith groups also signed on, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, Interfaith Power & Light and the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO.

Message

From: E. Calvin Beisner [Calvin@cornwallalliance.org]
Sent: 4/14/2017 6:07:56 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting with EPA Administrator

Hello, Mandy. You asked me to let you know the next time I'll be in town in case Mr. Pruitt might be able to meet with me. I'll be attending a conference from 8 to 3 on Thursday, May 18, and hope to arrange for pre-screening of Cornwall Alliance's newest video documentary either that evening, the evening before, or the next morning. I've not yet made my flight arrangements for the trip but would happily come early enough to meet with Mr. Pruitt Tuesday or Wednesday the 16th or 17th or stay long enough to meet with him Friday the 19th if he can fit me into his schedule.

Please pass on to him my commendation for saying yesterday that the U.S. needs to pull out of the Paris climate agreement!

In Christ,
Cal

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From: Gunasekara, Mandy [mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 3:20 PM
To: E. Calvin Beisner <Calvin@cornwallalliance.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting with EPA Administrator

All good points.

I wish I did, but I have no insight on the CEQ Chair process or who is up for consideration. I do know Mary Neumayr who is the current Chief of Staff at CEQ very well. She and I worked closely on the hill.

Best,
Mandy

From: E. Calvin Beisner [mailto:Calvin@cornwallalliance.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with EPA Administrator

By the way, you might want to see my op ed about yesterday's executive order:

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/03/28/trumps-energy-independence-order-a-boon-to-america-and-the-environment/>. I've done two radio interviews about the EO so far and have six more scheduled through Friday—and will probably get some more. And Cornwall Alliance Senior Fellow Dr. Roy W. Spencer's blog about it is at <http://www.drroyspencer.com/2017/03/trumps-rollback-of-epa-overreach-what-no-one-is-talking-about/>.

On messaging, I think a key point to make, over and over, is that we don't have to choose between prosperity and a clean, healthful, beautiful environment: prosperity enables us to afford a clean, healthful, beautiful environment.

A related subject: Do you know if CEQ chair has been appointed yet? I think Kathleen Hartnett White would be wonderful for the position, and I understand she's been under consideration. And if there's any way I can be of help to the Administration on environmental issues—especially as they relate to economic development—I'm eager to do so.

In Christ,
Cal

From: Gunasekara, Mandy [<mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:47 PM
To: E. Calvin Beisner <Calvin@cornwallalliance.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting with EPA Administrator

I will reach out to him and thank you for that information!
Talk soon,
Mandy

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2017, at 12:43 PM, E. Calvin Beisner <Calvin@cornwallalliance.org> wrote:

Thanks, Mandy! I'll be sure to be in touch next time I'm headed to D.C. Nothing's on the calendar at the moment.

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I look forward to touching base soon!

Best,
Mandy

<Paul.Balserak.vcf>

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Sent: 3/29/2017 4:43:23 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting with EPA Administrator
Attachments: Paul Balserak

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PAUL BALSERAK serves as the Vice President for Environment at AISI, where he directs the Association' s engagement on environmental regulatory development and compliance issues.

For four years, he was the deputy director of the regulatory policy division in the Administrator' s Office at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In this role, he provided regulatory status briefings for the Administrator on rules under-development, and assisted senior leadership in strategic thinking on Administrator priorities. He also served as a liaison for EPA with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in their regulatory review role, and assisted in managing division staff in their review of key agency regulatory actions. Prior to that, he served in details at the OMB' s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and as the Chief of Staff for the Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy at EPA. He worked in many other capacities over his twenty six years at EPA, mainly focusing on climate change, air and water regulations. Prior to working at the EPA, he was an engineer with V. J. Ciccone and Associates, Inc.

Paul has a Master of Science degree in Biology, focused on environmental science and public policy, from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Message

From: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/9/2017 5:07:55 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Call

Do you have a sec to chat?

<http://actalliance.org/act-news/ahead-of-g7-environment-ministers-meeting-christian-groups-call-upon-the-us-and-other-governments-to-care-for-the-creation/>

Ahead of G7 Environment Ministers Meeting, Christian groups call upon the US and other governments to care for the creation

BOLOGNA, Italy. On Friday the 9th of June, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist leaders will meet for an Interfaith Forum on Environmental Protection, with an aim to agree on a Charter of Values and Actions, to be delivered to the ministers attending the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting on the 11th – 12th of June.

Climate change is an important topic for many religions. This was stressed in a global statement<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/DanaInfo=.aadvdpqohvloK04u+COP21_Statement_englisch2.pdf> made by more than 150 faith and spiritual leaders in the run up to the Paris climate summit in 2015.

“Many religions share a belief that humanity has an important task, to care for creation. However, when we look around us today, we are concerned. Our current way of living is not sustainable. We must change our way of living and enter a new and sustainable development path,” says Mattias Söderberg, representing the ACT Alliance in the Forum.

“When earth was created there were no countries, no borders. The responsibility to take action is also without border. All countries, all people, have a responsibility to take action,” says Gianfranco Cattai, President of Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV).

Éamonn Meehan, President of Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE), says, “Those most affected by climate change are those who have done the least to contribute to it, which is an inherent injustice. There is a moral imperative for G7 countries to recognise and take responsibility for the global damage they have caused through their carbon emissions. Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time and if world leaders, including the U.S. don’t begin to care for creation and see that the Earth is for all, then there will be little left for future generations to enjoy.”

Cecilia Dall’Oglio, representing the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GGCM) at the Forum, comments, “Christians worldwide are responding by coming together in unity to care for creation in prayer and action as announced on the occasion of World Environment Day. A new wave of climate action during the new edition of the Season of Creation will be running from September 1 to October 4, uniting the 2.2 billion members of the Christian family to care for creation. Besides local action in grassroots communities, Christians will also engage in advocacy initiatives such as a new Joint Christian Divestment Announcement on October 4.” To date, 27 Catholic institutions have already divested from fossil fuels. The convening organizations who are leading the Season of Creation promotion efforts are: World Council of Churches<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/DanaInfo=.awxyCsnqv2voyqM26w,SSL+en>>, Anglican Communion Environmental Network<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/DanaInfo=.aadgqDftntrmlzp212.5188V.D5+>>, Pope’s Worldwide

Prayer Network<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/en/,DanaInfo=.awxyCeuslrIy2s+>> (Apostleship of Prayer),
the Global Catholic Climate
Movement<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.acbvksqojkusxm6s14Aw5y8DW4-C22C,SSL+>>,
and ACT Alliance<<https://remoteworkplacedr.epa.gov/,DanaInfo=.aadvdppqohvloK04u+>>.

The G7 Meeting is a major international event, especially for the new head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, who can expect a lot of critique following the US decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

Faith representatives, preparing for the Interfaith Forum, express their deep concern about the US decision. “To care for creation, is a moral and ethical responsibility. We cannot treat creation with disrespect, and we must develop a sustainable way of living. I therefore call on the US to reconsider the decision to leave the Paris Agreement,” says Mattias Söderberg.

He continues, “I welcome how most world leaders, including six of the G7 countries, as well as cities, states and corporations in the US, have reconfirmed their commitments to take action on the Paris Agreement.”

ENDS

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Morris, Madeline [morris.madeline@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/26/2017 6:20:19 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Museum of the Bible - Event Invitation - Oklahoma City

Can I send regrets, this is in OKC. And he can't go.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Museum of the Bible - Event Invitation - Oklahoma City

From: Melissa Houston [Personal Email / Ex. 6]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Museum of the Bible - Event Invitation - Oklahoma City

Sent from iPhone of Melissa McLawhorn Houston

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marsha Bold <marsha.bold@hobbylobby.com>
Date: June 20, 2017 at 5:10:12 PM CDT
To: [Personal Email / Ex. 6/ Melissa Houston]
Subject: Museum of the Bible - Event Invitation - Oklahoma City

Hi Melissa,

Below is the invitation for Scott that we discussed.

Thanks for helping to get this to him.

Blessings,

Marsha Bold

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JOIN US:



Website: www.museumofthebible.org



Dear Mr. Pruitt,

Museum of the Bible is an innovative, global, educational institution that invites all people to engage with the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible. The 430,000 square-foot museum is located just 3 blocks from the National Mall in Washington, D.C., opening in November 2017.

The Bible is important. It has shaped lives, countries, and cultures.

In this historic year of our building's opening, we are holding special gatherings with select groups of friends and colleagues who want to honor the Bible as we do.

You are invited to join with members of our leadership on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at The Legacy House from 6:00 to 8:30 pm* as they share the museum's story and global vision of creating opportunities for this great book to be discovered and rediscovered by all people.

To take the next steps and fully realize this vision, we need your involvement.

Kindly [click here](#) for event details and to RSVP online by Tuesday, June 27.

**There will also be an option tour of the Museum Collections vault available at 4:30 p.m.*

Our event and guest services team is available for questions or registration assistance

by email at RSVP@mBible.org or phone at (844) 328-0062.

We regret the delivery delay of this invitation, but do sincerely hope that you will join us for the event and in helping us create opportunities for the Bible to be at the center of conversations.

Sincerely,

Events Registration Team
Museum of the Bible
www.museumoftheBible.org

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Message

From: Davis, Patrick [davis.patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/15/2017 1:41:02 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Faith based and neighborhood partnership initiative follow up

Importance: High

Hi Ryan,

If we end up reviving the Faith based and neighborhood partnership initiative at the EPA I would be interested in help to align it with the President's and Administrator's priorities.

Please keep this in the back of your mind as it comes about.

Thanks,

Patrick Davis
Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Brennan, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: Faith based and neighborhood partnership initiative follow up
Importance: High

Hi Patrick,

Below is a description of the Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative. During the Obama administration, several Schedule C appointees in the Office of Public Engagement were active with this initiative. Since they left in January the project has been quiet on the EPA front.

The last event EPA covered included :

Conference of Catholic Bishops with Mitch Hescox, the president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network. Also, Jerry Lawson at EPA is currently working with EPA's congregation stakeholders.

Description:

What is the Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative?

EPA's newly launched Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership (FBNP) Initiative was created to expand the environmental conversation and build partnerships between government, faith-based and neighborhood organizations to create cleaner communities, healthier families and a stronger America.

This initiative supports President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships by working to access and strengthen partnerships between our government and community-serving organizations that have been in existence for centuries. Executive Order 13498 was signed by the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (FBNP) and the creation of an Advisory Council. Why Partner

The Advisory Council is a group of 25 leaders, and the FBNP includes 12 Federal Centers. EPA is the 12th Agency to join the partnership. President Obama has asked the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships to focus on four special priorities. EPA is focusing on promoting interfaith dialogues, and strengthening the role of community organizations.

Why Partner?

By partnering with EPA on its Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative, your organization has the opportunity to serve as an environmental leader in your community. Through collaboration, education and volunteerism, the FBNP Initiative can provide tools and resources to benefit your current environmental programs and help you to develop new ones. The Initiative also works to connect similar faith-based and neighborhood organizations working on environmental projects with one another, building a network of communities across the country in support of environmental literacy and stewardship.

For more information about EPA's Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative and to learn how your organization can get involved, please contact partnerships@epa.gov.

Get Involved

- [Adopt an Urban Waterway in Your Community](#)
- [Be an Advocate: Download Presentation and Teach Your Community About Children's Health \(PDF\)](#) (38pp,3.6MB, [About PDF](#))
- [Become an ecoAmbassador](#)
- [Get Involved with the EPA](#)
- [Join EnergyStar for Congregations](#) (Jerry Lawson from the EnergyStar Office heads up this project)
- [Join the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge](#)
- [Participate in Non-EPA Faith-based and Neighborhood Programs](#)

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If you wish to discuss further please let me know.

Tom Brennan

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Sent: 6/6/2018 12:01:51 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Faith Liaison

Ok. Let's chat tomorrow. I think I know who you're referring to and I'd be supportive of the move.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Faith Liaison

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On Jun 5, 2018, at 7:43 PM, Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
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Well and it follows on the meeting we held.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Jun 5, 2018, at 5:52 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Do we have plans?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bolen, Derrick" <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>
Date: June 5, 2018 at 5:50:40 PM EDT

To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Cc: "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Faith Liaison

Tate-

Nancy suggested I reach out to you regarding the position of "Liaison for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives" per the recent executive order. I

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-establishment-white-house-faith-opportunity-initiative/>

Thank you,
Derrick Bolen

Message

From: Virginia Ruiz [vruiz@farmworkerjustice.org]
Sent: 3/31/2018 4:19:09 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott [Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bertrand, Charlotte [Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Keigwin, Richard [Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]; Keaney, Kevin [Keaney.Kevin@epa.gov]
Subject: Protections for agricultural workers and pesticide applicators
Attachments: WPS-CPA letter to EPA 3-31-2018.pdf

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of more than 125 organizations representing children, faith, agriculture, health, labor, human rights and environmental organizations, we urge you to preserve the protections provided by the final Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule (CPA) (as published in the Federal Register on November 2, 2015 and January 4, 2017, respectively).

Please see attached for the full letter and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Virginia Ruiz
Director of Occupational and Environmental Health
Farmworker Justice

March 31, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The undersigned organizations write to oppose any changes by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to the requirements in the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (“WPS”) and Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule (CPA).¹

Over 15 years ago, an EPA report stated that “pesticide poisoning in the United States remains under-recognized and under-treated...despite the ubiquity of pesticides in our homes, workplaces, and communities, and despite the considerable potential for pesticide-related illnesses and injury.”² Farmworkers have one of the highest rates of chemical exposures among U.S. workers and they suffer acute pesticide poisoning every year through occupational exposures and pesticide drift. Studies have shown that agricultural workers suffer serious short- and long-term health effects from exposure to pesticides. The WPS and CPA rules provide vital protections from exposure to toxic pesticides for hired farmworkers, pesticide applicators, their families and the general public in communities across the United States. In revising these rules, the EPA recognized that the weight of evidence suggests that the new requirements, “will result in long-term health benefits to agricultural workers, pesticide handlers,”³ and “to certified and noncertified applicators, as well as to the public and the environment.”⁴

After more than a decade of stakeholder input and analysis, the EPA revised the WPS and CPA rule to prevent injury and illness to the children, women and men who work around pesticides in agriculture, or who come into contact with pesticides in other settings. EPA found that the new safeguards are necessary to address the known dangers associated with pesticide use. The WPS applies to hired workers and pesticide handlers who labor in farms, fields, nurseries, greenhouses and forests. The CPA rule governs the training and certification requirements of workers who apply Restricted Use Pesticides (“RUPs”) in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, hospitals, as well as agricultural and industrial establishments. RUPs are some of the most toxic and dangerous pesticides on the market.

We are concerned that the EPA may weaken critical safeguards meant to protect agricultural workers, the public, and the environment. Among the many important provisions in the rules, the Agency has stated its intent to reconsider the minimum age protections that prohibit children from applying pesticides, the right of farmworkers to access pesticide application information

¹ 82 Fed. Reg. 60, 195 (Dec. 19, 2017); 82 Fed. Reg. 60,576 (Dec. 21, 2017).

² National Pesticide Practice Skills Guidelines for Medical and Nursing Practice (January 2003). Available at <https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi/2000JJGY.PDF?Dockey=2000JJGY.PDF>

³ 80 Fed. Reg. 67,499 (Nov. 2, 2015)

⁴ 82 Fed. Reg. 957 (Jan. 4, 2017)

through a designated representative, and protections for bystanders through “application exclusion zones,” which require that an applicator suspend pesticide application if “an unprotected/non-trained person” enters the area around the application equipment.

Undermining these important protections cannot be justified. We urge you to preserve the existing protections and to move forward with full implementation and enforcement.

Respectfully,

Farmworker Justice
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.
Alabama Association of Cooperatives
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas / National Farmworker Women Alliance
American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO)
American Federation of Government Employees Local 3354
American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Azul
Beyond Pesticides
Beyond Toxics
Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association
Black Mesa Water Coalition
Californians for Pesticide Reform
Calvario City Church
Cardinal Student/Farmworker Alliance
CATA - The Farmworker Support Committee
Central California Environmental Justice Network
Central Florida BREAD
Central Florida Jobs with Justice
Centro Campesino
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.
Child Labor Coalition
Citizens Sustainability League of ND
Climate Justice Alliance
Coalition Advocating for Pesticide Safety
Columbia Legal Services
Coming Clean
Community Farm Alliance
CRLA Foundation
Earthjustice
El Pueblo, Inc.
Fair World Project
Fairtrade America
Family Farm Defenders
Farms Not Arms
Farmworker Association of Florida
Farmworker's Self-Help
First Unitarian Church of Orlando

Florida Abolitionist
Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Florida Legal Services, Inc.
Florida Organic Growers
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Friends of Broward Detainees
Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees
Friends of the Earth
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
Green America
Greene County Democrat
GreenLatinos
GreenRoots
Healthy Building Network
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic National Bar Association
Human Rights Watch
Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
Interfaith Worker Justice
International Labor Rights Forum
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
Justice in Motion
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Legal Aid Justice Center, Virginia
LiveWell Colorado
Lomakatsi Restoration Project
Los Jardines Institute
MANA, A National Latina Organization
Media Voices for Children
Migrant Clinicians Network
Migrant Legal Action Program
Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights
Nanas, Papas and Friends
National Consumers League
National COSH
National Employment Law Project
National Family Farm Coalition
National Farm Worker Ministry
National Farmworker Alliance
National Latina/o Psychological Association
National Latino Evangelical Coalition
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association
National Migrant and Seasonal Headstart Association
New Jersey Coalition for Climate Justice
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
Nontoxic Certified

North Carolina Justice Center
Northeastern Environmental Justice Research Collaborative
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance
Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP)
Northwest Forest Worker Center
Northwest Workers' Justice Project
Oregon Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
Organización en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc.
Organize Florida
Park Lake Presbyterian Church
PCUN-Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
Peace Roots Alliance
Pesticide Action Network
PLBA Housing Development Corporation
Portland Jobs With Justice
Progressive Caucus Center
Public Citizen
Public Justice
QLatinx
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Rural Advancement Fund of the National Sharecroppers, Inc
Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural
SER Jobs for Progress National Inc.
Soul Fire Farm Institute
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice
St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando
The Common Market
UFW Foundation
Unite Oregon
United Farm Workers
United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS Inc.
University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley
Voces
Voto Latino
Warehouse Worker Resource Center
WeCount!
Winrock International
Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.
Workers' Center of Central New York

cc: Ryan Jackson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Administrator
Charlotte Bertrand, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical
Safety and Pollution Prevention
Rick Keigwin, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs
Kevin Keaney, Branch Chief, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide
Programs

Message

From: Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/2/2018 9:04:41 PM
To: Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]; Wood, Jeffrey (ENRD) [Jeffrey.Wood@usdoj.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Anaconda
Attachments: ATT00001.htm; Leader page 3.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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Albert Kelly
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
202 306 8830

From: Benevento, Douglas
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Anaconda

fyi

From: Schefski, Kenneth
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Bohan, Suzanne <bohan.suzanne@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Anaconda

Doug and David,

FYI - the attorneys representing the Christian landowners are actively recruiting additional landowners/plaintiffs in Anaconda. See the attached article.

KC

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lensink, Andy" <Lensink.Andy@epa.gov>
To: "Schefski, Kenneth" <Schefski.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Thompson, Christopher" <Thompson.Christopher@epa.gov>, "Madigan, Andrea" <Madigan.Andrea@epa.gov>, "Saldenha, Jasmine" <Saldenha.Jasmine@epa.gov>
Subject: Anaconda

The Christian lawsuit attorneys are signing up people in Anaconda for their lawsuit.....

From: Coleman, Charles
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 9:19 AM

To: Lensink, Andy <Lensink.Andy@epa.gov>

Cc: Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>; Moler, Robert <Moler.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Leader article

FYI

From: Brockman, Kenneth [<mailto:kbrockman@usbr.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:23 PM

To: Coleman, Charles <COleman.Charles@epa.gov>

Subject: Leader article

Charlie,

Attached is the article about the lawsuit meeting Tuesday. It is in Wednesday's Leader.

Also, I need to talk to you about an attic sample request. Could you call me if you get a chance Friday? Thanks.

Ken

Message

From: Chuck Garriott **Personal Email / Ex. 6**
Sent: 12/26/2017 10:17:48 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: MTS
Attachments: Christmas Newsletter from MTS.pdf

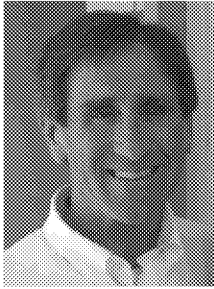
Ryan

Would like to call catch up

Have a great New Year

Chuck

Sent from my iPhone



"It is not possible," I told him. As the words left my lips I was disappointed by my inability to be a messenger of hope. I was in a rush and I didn't have time to help him ease into reality. Our thirty second meeting was taking place in the men's restroom in the Dirksen Senate office building on Capitol Hill.

As I was washing my hands in front of the common mirror, the young lobbyist was frantically scrubbing a sizable pasta stain that would not disappear. He had asked me for a remedy as he turned revealing a splash of tomato sauce just below his collar. Wow, I thought privately, that will never come out. It was rather large and impossible to ignore. "You can try soap or club soda, but I doubt it will help," I offered cautiously.

It should be noted that I knew that it was a big deal. He was on his way to a meeting that would take place in a U.S. Senate office and he needed to make a respectable impression. He had only a short time to remedy his predicament. The culture in which he works is all about having the right image. Your outward appearance needs to be acceptable. How can you convince someone that your purpose and issue is worth investing in when you stand in their office with a splash of pasta sauce on your shirt? I am sure he was bemoaning the fact that he had not been more careful with lunch. The stain could impact his career, since keeping his job depends on succeeding at meetings, and his ability to make a proper presentation could make or break that meeting. I am sure his level of anxiety was running high because of an unacceptable shirt stain.

The picture of him in front of a mirror frantically and futilely working to remove the obvious stain has not left me. That bathroom image reflects the essence of my work. That is, helping people see the reality of their stain in the mirror of the Scriptures and then owning the certainty that all the scrubbing in the world will never remove it.

*"Although you wash yourself with soap
and use an abundance of cleansing powder,
the stain of your guilt is still before me,"
declares the Sovereign Lord.
— Jeremiah 2:22*

I believe the young lobbyist had two things going for him. First, he saw the splash of sauce on his shirt as unacceptable and was disturbed by it. Second, he was looking for a remedy. He wanted it gone. He wanted to be acceptable. He wanted to be clean. That thirty second exchange was in a way a summary of what I hope and pray for when it comes the work of the Spirit through MTS in Washington and other government centers. I pray that those who are

elected and those who serve them will see their need for Jesus Christ and then, in exhaustion and frustration with their own hopeless remedies, turn and surrender to him.

It will take a great deal of work and prayer to continue to engage such a marred community as Washington for the sake of Christ. The task requires a sizable team here in Washington. As I have shared before, that need continues to be a focus of prayer for us, and we are seeing those prayers answered.

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Our search process recently introduced us to Michael Langer, who lives with his family in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. Michael currently serves as the site pastor at Redemption Church in Palos Heights, IL, and previously planted One Ancient Hope PCA in Iowa City in 2008. In addition to his pastoral ministry, Michael also currently serves as the Chicago City Director for Made to Flourish, a pastor's network encouraging and equipping pastors on the integration of faith and work and vocational stewardship as a part of church-based disciple-making and city shalom.

Michael will join the D.C. team as the MTS Associate Director and will be responsible for developing the vast work of evangelism and discipleship. This will be a major position that will involve the development of other MTS staffers who will serve on Capitol Hill, in the administration, agencies, and diplomatic community.

It is a significant challenge to move a family to Washington. The Langers have four children,

two of whom are still in high school and living at home. They will need a great deal of prayer while they search for housing and schools and enter a year of transition as they make the move sometime in 2018.

As you pray for us, please keep in mind that we have several other positions to develop. We are actively looking to fill the position that will enable us to better reach interns and young staffers. We also would like to bring in young men and women who would serve as MTS fellows or interns.

This has been a challenging year with all the changes that are taking place. Please continue to pray for Christine Sampson and Mary Frances Dunlap, who are both doing a great job, and for whom we give our Lord praise. Prayer would be greatly appreciated for the completion of a writing project that I am attempting to finish and would like to see published in the next six months.

Perhaps more importantly, we are so very thankful for the privilege that is ours in being able to engage in this work. Weekly I hear how MTS is impacting the lives of those who work in our government here in Washington and beyond. This is possible because of the financial support and prayers that you provide. Your partnership enables us to continue. Thank you for your encouragement.



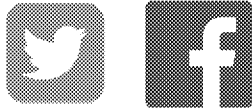
Debby and I pray that this Christmas season will be a reminder to you and your family of how great our Lord's love and grace is in Jesus Christ. We do not fear the stain of sin because of his perfect sacrifice for us.

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because
he will save his people from their sins.
— Matthew 1:22*

Under his Care,

Chuck and Debby Garriott

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Message

From: Scott Pruitt [scott.pruitt@me.com]
Sent: 10/10/2017 9:32:15 PM
To: Mike Ingram [mi@eldoradoholdings.net]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Pruitt, Scott [Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Nov 3-5

Mike,

Blessings to you. I believe I have forwarded my work email address to you and want to be sure you have it going forward. That email is Pruitt.scott@epa.gov.

I will look at my schedule and advise as soon as I can. Good to hear from you.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Mike Ingram <mi@eldoradoholdings.net> wrote:

Scott, I'm looking forward to seeing you in D.C. in a few weeks when Sheila and I are in town for the Museum of the Bible *Outside the Walls Revival* events that my good friend, Barry Meguiar (Meguiar auto products/Velocity Channel's show "Car Crazy"), is hosting. This is an exclusive weekend with other conservative Christian couples to take part in an intimate pre-opening tour (and dinner) of the Museum of the Bible as well as hear about the global ministry, Revival Outside the Walls that is now the evangelistic arm of the Museum. Barry would love to have you and Marlyn attend any and/or all of the functions that weekend, if you're interested and available. And, I know everyone would be delighted if you would lead in prayer or say a few words at Sunday morning chapel.

Below is the schedule. Would you let me know your thoughts?
M-

Mike Ingram

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Friday Nov 3 *Check into Trump Hotel*

6:00pm — 7:00pm: Reception @ Clock Tower/Clock Tower Museum
7:15pm — 9:00pm: Dinner @ Lincoln Library

Saturday Nov 4

Breakfast on your own, but covered by host

9:30am — 2:30pm: Tour of Washington D.C.
5:00pm — 6:30pm: Tour of MOTB
6:30pm — 9:00pm: Dinner at MOTB (Gathering Room B)

Sunday Nov 5

Breakfast on your own, but covered by host

9:00am — 10:30am: Sunday Worship Service in Patton Theater
10:30am: All guests depart

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 3/28/2017 7:33:38 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney [hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Cabinet Member Bible Study
Attachments: Cabinet Member Bible Study Invite.pdf

From: Harrison, Jessica (OS/IOS) [mailto:Jessica.Harrison@hhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Harrison, Jessica (OS/IOS) <Jessica.Harrison@hhs.gov>
Cc: Twomey, John K. (OS/IOS) <John.Twomey@HHS.GOV>
Subject: Cabinet Member Bible Study

Good Afternoon—just a friendly reminder about the Cabinet Member Bible Study tomorrow morning at 7:00-8:00am here at HHS-Hubert H Humphrey Building in room 610-F. We will have light refreshments and coffee.

It is hosted by Ralph and Danielle Drollinger with Capitol Ministries. They do a Bible Study on the House and Senate side as well. I know some of the Cabinet Members are familiar with it.

I have also attached the invitation.

Please let me know if you need additional information and if your boss plans to attend. Also, if you are not the correct contact for scheduling purposes, please direct me to the person who is.

Thank you,

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Jessica Harrison
Deputy Director of Scheduling
Secretary Tom Price, HHS

INVITATION TO A
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MEMBERS
BIBLE STUDY

7:00 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING
CONFERENCE ROOM
610-F, 6TH FLOOR
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING
200 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, SOUTHWEST



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Sent: 4/27/2017 11:50:16 PM
To: Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: a conversation with Pruitt

From: Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: a conversation with Pruitt

Hi Mr. Jackson,

My name is Niina Heikkinen and I'm a reporter with E&E News. I was wondering if you might be willing to speak on background about how Administrator Pruitt's worldview is shaping his work at EPA. For example, I'm curious about the reasoning behind consolidating the Chicago EPA office in particular. Also, I would love to sit down and chat with him about how his religious faith influences his work. I saw an article this week that claimed Cabinet level staff had formed a Bible study, do you happen to know if that's true?

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Niina Heikkinen
E&E News reporter
202-737-3715 (w)
Personal Phone / Ex. 6
@nhheikkinen
Skype: niina.h.heikkinen

Message

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Sent: 5/3/2018 6:56:20 PM
To: luke_holland@inhofe.senate.gov; chris_stover@inhofe.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: running out of options

Is someone on your radar?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hope, Brian" <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>
Date: May 3, 2018 at 2:27:27 PM EDT
To: "Ford, Hayley" <ford.hayley@epa.gov>, "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: running out of options

From: Brad A. Cromwell [<mailto:brad.cromwell@hobbylobby.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: running out of options

Mr. Pruitt,

I know this is not something that your office deals with, but I was hoping (as an Oklahoman) you might be able to help. I am a chaplain at the Hobby Lobby corporate office. We have a long term employee that came to the US from Guatemala when she was 9 years old. She has been working here with her work visa for nearly 10 years. For some reason, they decided not to renew her visa this year and she has until the end of the month to leave the country. She knows no one in Guatemala, and has been living & working in the US her entire adult life (she's 39). She has not broken any laws (other than being brought here illegally by her parents), and is caring for her mom & her two kids (one of whom has special needs).

We are desperate and looking for any help or advice we can find. She has an attorney, but things look very bleak.

Thanks for what you do & you remain in my prayers!

Brad Cromwell

Chaplain

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HOBBY LOBBY

“So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.” 1 Peter 1:13

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Sent: 6/15/2018 7:21:49 PM
To: Lopez, Peter [lopez.peter@epa.gov]; Wagner, Kenneth [wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Alcohol Consumption at R2 Events

“the feast of Cana, the Last Supper, and quenching his thirst during crucifixion”??!!

My, oh my....

Thanks for the update, Pete. As always, you have your hands full there.

From: Lopez, Peter
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Alcohol Consumption at R2 Events

Dear Ryan and Ken.

Standing firm on my decision to prohibit alcohol consumption at an upcoming R2 awards ceremony/summer picnic.

This event will be conducted on EPA grounds and during EPA working hours.

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Will be sure to copy you on the response when it is finalized.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,
Pete

Sent by Pete Lopez
Regional Administrator - R2
US E.P.A.
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007
(212) 637-5000

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From: Manna, Richard
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 4:39 PM
Subject: Employee Recognition Day



Region 2
Employee Recognition Day
Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 11:30am
(Rain Date Thursday, June 21)

In just two weeks, over 200 Region 2 employees will come together for our annual Employee Recognition Day at the Edison Environmental Center! We are looking forward to recognizing all the great work that Region 2 staff has performed over the last year, and we are confident it will be a beautiful day with lots of great food and activities for all to enjoy. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so using this [LINK](#). Also, please be reminded that this event is for EPA employees only. No guests (e.g. spouses, children, friends, etc.) will be allowed. This year will be an alcohol free event.

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Sent: 3/14/2018 4:56:05 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: possible profile

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:56 PM
To: 'Niina Heikkinen' <nheikkinen@eenews.net>
Subject: RE: possible profile

That's just simply untrue. Our policies changes are not covered but not due to lack of transparency to answer questions about them. I've learned not to worry so much about what people may believe is a disservice or other characterizations, and it's likely why I keep my head down and try to accomplish what I know needs to get accomplished.

As an example of the lack of opacity, soon we will announce the culmination of a multi-month effort which has required repositioning personnel and hiring personnel to clear out the backlog of FOIAs of the previous Administration. FOIA's in the Office of the Administrator alone have increased 189% since the last Administrator.

These other matters are best addressed to Liz or Jahan, and I'm glad to make them aware.

Ryan.

From: Niina Heikkinen [<mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: possible profile

Thanks very much for your email. I appreciate your desire to remain behind the scenes and to not distract from the work Administrator Pruitt is doing. At the same time, I'd push back a bit to say that the opacity of EPA's work I think does the agency a disservice. I would like to work with you and your staff to talk more off the record or on background about the work at the agency as it relates to climate change. Perhaps there is a way to talk with someone else who is working on regulatory rollbacks, who can offer insight perhaps into the process of determining which direction the agency should take.

As you may be aware, I'm also very interested in how the administrator's religious faith has helped to frame his worldview. I would be interested in exploring that more.

Thanks for getting back to me.

Best,
Niina

From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Niina Heikkinen
Subject: possible profile

Niina, thanks for your email and interest. It's flattering. To be entirely candid, and I've told other reporters this as well at the beginning of the new Administration, I think my job is in part to not be in the news.

I believe I did that while on Capitol Hill, and I think it's important to maintain that here too.

Really it's been a challenging year, but personally rewarding for me helping implement the Administrator's overall agenda. I'm pretty proud of an overall stat of 22 deregulatory or right-sizing actions amounting to \$1 billion in saved compliance costs over the past year. It's also been very rewarding helping implement rules on legislation on which I personally worked while in Congress like the Lautenberg Act and sections under the WIIN Act for new state permitting for environmental waste. We met the first year deadlines to finalize rules on rules on conducting risk evaluations and how we prioritize evaluating chemicals, and we are doing that on the top ten chemicals identified in the law. This past week we issued a draft plan for public comment addressing a new strategy on animal testing on which the HSUS is working with us. I was proud of that too. Under the WIIN Act, we have issued guidance to states to solicit their permitting plans and proposed new changes to the CCR rule to further help give states an understanding where the rule may be headed to help them with their state permitting submissions.

What I'm most proud of is hiring 85 political appointees from support staff to AAs and RAs. I really believe we have the best team surrounding Administrator Pruitt to help him do his job. I'm really proud of this team.

In any event, I just wanted to get back with you because I try to simply be a nose to the grindstone kind of a staffer. I just worry that profiles for me appear too self-serving. However, I appreciate your email. It is flattering.

Ryan.

From: Niina Heikkinen <nheikkinen@eenews.net>
Date: February 28, 2018 at 12:52:46 PM EST
To: "jackson.ryan@epa.gov" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: possible profile

Hi Mr. Jackson,

I hope you are doing well. I was wondering if you would be interested in participating in a profile of you for E&E News. As someone with a long history working on Capitol Hill, I'd be interested in your perspective now working for a different branch of government. What has the first year been like for you?

Let me know if you would be interested in chatting.

Thanks,
Niina

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Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 2/7/2018 4:39:33 PM
To: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]
CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: SKM_C36818020614090.pdf

You already had this right?

This is the April 4 event at the Bible museum invite.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Feb 7, 2018, at 11:38 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

From Mike Ingram.

Millan Hupp
Director of Scheduling and Advance
Office of the Administrator
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 Email: hupp.millan@epa.gov

From: Wagner, Kenneth
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: SKM_C36818020614090.pdf

Please see the invite from Mike Ingram to speak. I think the Administrator would want to do this if he is available.

Ken

<SKM_C36818020614090.pdf>

Kenneth E. Wagner
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wagner.kenneth@epa.gov

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 2/6/2018 6:16:42 PM
To: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: RE:

Ok. Thanks.

From: Hupp, Millan
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: RE:

Denise said she will get back to me asap. Will keep you updated.

Millan Hupp
Director for Scheduling and Advance
202.380.7561
hupp.millan@epa.gov

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2018, at 9:51 AM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

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Hayley Ford
Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator

On Feb 6, 2018, at 12:42 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. I just sent her a follow up. She had said the invite would be going to you.

Millan Hupp
Director for Scheduling and Advance
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2018, at 9:33 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Mike called me the other day on this as if they were waiting for us. Are you talking with Denise?

From: Hupp, Millan
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re:

I reached out on this and they told me they were sending and invitation.

Millan Hupp
Director for Scheduling and Advance
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hupp.millan@epa.gov

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2018, at 9:30 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Do you know if SP is attending an event with the Museum of the bible on April 4 with Mike Ingram?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 10/10/2017 9:39:06 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Nov 3-5

Can you guys get with Mike or Denise to see how we can best accommodate getting them together for dinner and whatever else they would like mutually to do?

Denise is at dorgan@eldoradoholdings.com

From: Mike Ingram [mailto:mi@eldoradoholdings.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:44 PM
To: scott.pruitt@me.com
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Nov 3-5

Scott, I'm looking forward to seeing you in D.C. in a few weeks when Sheila and I are in town for the Museum of the Bible *Outside the Walls Revival* events that my good friend, Barry Meguiar (Meguiar auto products/Velocity Channel's show "Car Crazy"), is hosting. This is an exclusive weekend with other conservative Christian couples to take part in an intimate pre-opening tour (and dinner) of the Museum of the Bible as well as hear about the global ministry, Revival Outside the Walls that is now the evangelistic arm of the Museum. Barry would love to have you and Marlyn attend any and/or all of the functions that weekend, if you're interested and available. And, I know everyone would be delighted if you would lead in prayer or say a few words at Sunday morning chapel.

Below is the schedule. Would you let me know your thoughts?
M-

Mike Ingram

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Friday Nov 3 *Check into Trump Hotel*

6:00pm — 7:00pm: Reception @ Clock Tower/Clock Tower Museum
7:15pm — 9:00pm: Dinner @ Lincoln Library

Saturday Nov 4

Breakfast on your own, but covered by host

9:30am — 2:30pm: Tour of Washington D.C.
5:00pm — 6:30pm: Tour of MOTB
6:30pm — 9:00pm: Dinner at MOTB (Gathering Room B)

Sunday Nov 5

Breakfast on your own, but covered by host

9:00am — 10:30am: Sunday Worship Service in Patton Theater
10:30am: All guests depart

Message

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Sent: 10/9/2017 10:23:31 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Yes but he hasn't been in a while.

Hayley Ford
Deputy White House Liaison
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Cell: **Personal Phone / Ex. 6**

-----Original Message-----

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 6:22 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject:

Is the Bible study still going on at HHS?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

Personal Phone /

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 4/9/2018 6:59:19 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: just sending you a copy of this request i just sent to comms

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From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: just sending you a copy of this request i just sent to comms

We're going to report a story this afternoon about EPA's "challenge coin." The facts that will appear in our story will include the following:

That Mr. Pruitt did not want the EPA logo to appear on the coin; **that EPA staffers, including Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, urged him to put the EPA logo on the coin;** that Mr. Pruitt told staff members he believed the EPA logo looks like a marijuana leaf and thus wanted it removed or made smaller on notepads, pens and other items; that Mr. Pruitt wanted an image of a buffalo on the coin; and that the coins were printed and distributed with a buffalo on it.

Here are our questions:

- Did Mr. Pruitt omit the EPA seal from the coin because he thought it looked like a marijuana leaf?
- Did he put the buffalo on the coin because it was from Oklahoma and thus represented him?
- Did he ask for a bible quote to be written on the seal?
- Did he ask for the presidential seal to be emblazoned on the seal?
- The vendor and total price of the coin order

My numbers are below. Thanks so much,
lisa

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Lisa Friedman
Reporter, New York Times
(202) 862-0306 office

Personal Phone #

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 10/23/2017 7:48:03 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: While I'm in D.C. in November

Ok.

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: While I'm in D.C. in November

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 2:48 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

He won't want to do that. I should have known better.

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: While I'm in D.C. in November

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Thanks!

Hayley Ford

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Cell: 2 **Personal Phone / Ex.**

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 4:45 PM

To: Mike Ingram <mi@eldoradoholdings.net>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: While I'm in D.C. in November

I think that would be fine especially since you're inviting Jim Ray.

I still don't really know about Bible studies while here.

From: Mike Ingram [mailto:mi@eldoradoholdings.net]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: While I'm in D.C. in November

Ryan, would it be OK to bring **Personal Matters /** too? Or, do we need something separate?

Mike

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Mike Ingram
Subject: Re: While I'm in D.C. in November

Thanks mike. We'll get with you on all this. The dinner question is great and thanks for the introductions. I'll just have to check on the other. See you soon.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
Personal Phone /

On Sep 27, 2017, at 12:57 PM, Mike Ingram <mi@eldoradoholdings.net> wrote:

Scott, would it be OK if I bring **Personal Matters / Ex** us November 2nd? As you probably know, **Personal Matters / Ex. 6**

Also, are there any Bible studies that you are a part of that I could go to with you?

Thanks so much. Sorry to miss you while you're in Phoenix October 5 & 6. I'm looking forward to seeing you in November.

Mike

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 1/3/2018 5:58:24 PM
To: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

I love this.

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Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

Personal Phone / Ex.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Date: January 3, 2018 at 11:47:56 AM EST
To: jackson.ryan@epa.gov
Subject: Fwd: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

Ryan,

Please see below from Governor Fallin. Thanks, Katie Personal cell

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Fallin <Personal Matters / Ex. 6>
Date: January 3, 2018 at 10:21:32 AM CST
To: Katie Altshuler <Personal Matters / >
Subject: Fwd: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

Can you send this to Scott's people?
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Ketchum <Jennifer.Ketchum@gov.ok.gov>
Date: January 3, 2018 at 10:07:57 AM CST
To: "Mary Fallin (<Personal Matters / Ex. 6>)"
<Personal Matters / Ex. 6>
Subject: FW: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

Mr. Hubbard would like you to reach out to Scott Pruitt on his behalf.

*Jenn Ketchum
Director of Scheduling
Office of Governor Mary Fallin*

Personal Phone /

From: Jeff Hubbard [<mailto:jhubbard2@slb.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Jennifer Ketchum <Jennifer.Ketchum@gov.ok.gov>; Sumer Curry
<Sumer.Curry@gov.ok.gov>
Subject: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

Happy New Year Jennifer and Sumer and thanks again for your help with Oilfield Christian Fellowship and our annual prayer breakfast.

Can you do me a favor and forward this email to Governor Fallin for me?

Her participation in our 2016 Breakfast showed us she believes in the mission and the work of Oilfield Christian Fellowship here in OKC and I would like to ask her to forward this to her friend, Scott Pruitt, to prayerfully consider speaking at our 2018 breakfast.

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As you know, this is always a very well attended event, (over 500 last year) and a tremendous opportunity for us to invite the oilfield from the rig floor to top executives to join us.

Each year Governor Fallin pronounces that day as Oklahoma Oilfield Prayer Day. The proceeds of the breakfast benefit Oklahoma City's Oil Patch Chaplains and Oilfield Christian Fellowship for ministry and distribution of the Oilfield Bible (Now available in almost every global oilfield market and in over 200 languages).

Go to www.oilfieldprayerbreakfastokc.net for more details.

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Jeff Hubbard
Senior Account Manager
Cell **Personal Matters**

Schlumberger

Message

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Sent: 1/3/2018 5:55:28 PM
To: [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: 2018 OKC Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast

Got it. Thanks. That's some real advanced planning.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
[Personal Phone]

On Jan 3, 2018, at 11:49 AM, "[Personal Matters / Ex. 6]" wrote:

Ryan,

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Senior Account Manager

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Message

From: Janet McKell [janet@stennis.gov]
Sent: 10/2/2018 1:50:02 PM
To: Stennis Fellows [fellows@stennis.gov]
CC: Rochelle Dornatt [Rochelle@stennis.gov]; Rex Buffington [rex@stennis.gov]; Mary Dewald [mary@stennis.gov]; Eric Jones [eric@stennis.gov]; Jennifer Gregory [jenn@stennis.gov]
Subject: Oct. 4th Faith & Politics Lecture
Attachments: FPI_FrederickDouglass_Flyer_v3.pdf

We thought you might be interested in learning of this lecture opportunity. Please see attached flyer.

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Bicentennial, FPI
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discussion with
renowned Douglass
biographer, Dr. David
Blight, on his newly
released biography,
*Frederick Douglass:
Prophet of Freedom*

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OCTOBER 4, 2018
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

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THE CAPITOL

Join The Faith & Politics Institute, honorary co-hosts Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Congressman Tom Reed, and renowned Douglass biographer David Blight to discuss his in-depth work on chronicling Douglass' life, how we can derive lessons from Douglass' leadership in the abolition and suffrage movements, and interpret these lessons to be helpful in current political and policy times.

From the Publisher

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom is Blight's definitive, dramatic biography of the most important African-American of the nineteenth century: Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave who became the greatest orator of his day and one of the leading abolitionists and writers of the era. In this remarkable biography, David Blight has drawn on new information held in a private collection that few other historians have consulted, as well as recently discovered issues of Douglass's newspapers. There has not been a major biography of Douglass in a quarter century. David Blight's Frederick Douglass affords this important American the distinguished biography he deserves.

RSVP: rsvp@faithandpolitics.org

Message

From: www.jeffreydavidmorris.com [**Personal Matters / Ex. 6**]
Sent: 7/13/2018 12:30:19 AM
To: Wheeler, Andrew [wheeler.andrew@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Planet Earth;

God's originally given, NON-EVER voidable 'Order' of why WE exist > to BE planet Earth's SELF deny care takers of each other, ALL non-human other life species & Earth (itself), BUT (NOTHING off Earth < Holy violational) . . . cannot convey enough to you global species.

No one loves YOU more than Jesus! Luke 9:24. Google me: jeffreydavidmorris,
<http://www.jeffreydavidmorris.com>

SEE how USA is in jerUSAlem.

Global Warming / Cooling, Climate Change - B/S! The Natural Balance has been & is OFF, solely BECAUSE of us > humanity!

Is the world becoming more dangerous? The World? What, non-human, innocent planet Earth? Uh, the sole danger & threat to ALL, ANYTHING & EVERYTHING on this planet is solely humanity (itself); 70 centuries – STILL TO DATE is evident, misc of THAT (+) STILL worse yet to come – to pass.

The Natural Balance has been & is OFF – affecting EVERYTHING, climate, animal's, EVERYTHING > for / since 70 centuries – TO DATE > sure, because of Adam / Eve - (until human incomprehensible Holy, Reckoning, Judicial, Retributory / Retributionary, Scene of ALL Scene's, 1st of 2, Day of Judgment).

After Adam / Eve < (you know) & the sealing & closure off of the 'Garden', (in an effect – due unto what Adam / Eve (each & both) caused in a sort / sense of chain reaction, misc), The Natural Balance ie: going down, say like a previously created & designed 'protective shield' / 'force field' thereof, BUT Adam / Eve (each & both), changed ALL that, they changed EVERYTHING!

Global Warming / Cooling, Climate Change - B/S! No, I'm NOT denying, what I am saying is that it is this humanity per / via God's Word, STILL gone astray from HIM, like a disobedient child, think 'The Flood' back in Noah's day was bad, what this humanity has done / does - do and yet to: human incomprehensible ocean's of human and NON-human blood spilled / shed anywhere / everywhere, you know NOT what your (humanity) even guilty of ie: "THEY know NOT what THEY do" - Jesus.

Like it's been said, of of course, with this (human) species: 'The sole NON-innocence life on this planet Earth', while all the other vast, individual species on this planet ARE the innocent; "If you human species can't tend to your own planet (created by Father Jehovah God whom only wanted to 'create' something), though clearly after 20 - 70 centuries to date, exhibitedly that was never enough, then NONE of you human's don't deserve to live here on this planet Earth, period!"

It's ironic hearing the dialogue exchange -

The ageless human individual innocence: I need to know what's happening.

Keanu Reeves:
This planet is dying. The human species race inhabiting upon it. . . is killing it.

Jennifer Connelly:
So you've come here to help us.

Keanu Reeves:
No, 'I' didn't.

Jennifer Connelly:

You came to save the Earth. . . from us. You came to save the Earth. . . 'from' - us.

Keanu Reeves:

The survival of this planet can not be risked for the sake of one species inhabiting upon it.

Jennifer Connelly:

What are you saying?

Keanu Reeves:

If the Earth dies, you 7,059,917,994 die. All of you. If all of you 7,059,917,994 die, the Earth survives, is renewed and reborn with a chance to repair, heal and recover, unto it's once long ago untainted beauty.

Jennifer Connelly:

You can't do this . . .

Keanu Reeves:

This creation can not be allowed to perish, at any cost or by any other species inhabiting upon it.

Jennifer Connelly:

We can change . . . We can still turn thing's around . . .

Keanu Reeves:

God / Jehovah, Jesus, all the Angel's and all of Heaven have watched, waited and hoped that you would change, despite time does not really exist.

Jennifer Connelly:

Please . . .

Keanu Reeves:

It has reached the tipping point. God / Jehovah must act, otherwise He invalidates, misc / etc His Holy Being and who He is. I can not make you human species understand, on your wave length..

Jennifer Connelly:

Please . . .

Keanu Reeves:

God / Jehovah will undo the damage human species race inhabiting upon it - have done, and give the Earth a chance to begin again, to survive, to be renewed, reborn unto it's once long ago untainted beauty.

Jennifer Connelly:

Don't do this. Please, we can change. We can change.

Keanu Reeves:

ENOUGH! You human species was created to care for this planet. And you have exhibited everything but across the Timeline, even with nothing has exhibitedly changed in over 2,000 year's since Holy King Majesty Jesus returned back unto Heaven and His throne, along right hand side of God / Jehovah. The decision has been made. The process has begun.

Jennifer Connelly:

Oh God . . .

Keanu Reeves:

I have sincerely nothing more to say or add. If anything further, it will come from God / Jehovah / Holy King Majesty Jesus / HS Guidance Counselor - Holy Spirit whom came forth amidst the humans in the absence of King Majesty Jesus. The final eternal answer has been left unto and with King Majesty Jesus, by authority of God / Jehovah.